

Freedom Week

Collective Worship 3



Collective Worship Day 3 Hope

Just Enough and the Clewer Initiative

Aims

- Pupils will understand that when people are in scary situations they always have hope.
- Hope for something better can be the drive that leads people into modern day slavery.
- Pupils can understand that hope needs to be actioned where possible - we can be hope.

Preparation

Prepare a space ready if you want the children to act out the starting activity (*the story of Daniel in the Lions Den*). To do this you may need a toy crown and some lion masks.

Thoughtful Activity

Before we do our recap from yesterday, we are going to look at hope, and how important belief in ourselves and others can be.

(You can ask for volunteers to act as you narrate the story at the front, of the assembly. Each part is highlighted in blue below).



The **King, Darius** had been convinced by some of **his workers** to make a new law that meant members of his kingdom were not allowed to pray to any God other than the King himself. Those who had convinced King Darius did not tell **Daniel** who continued to pray to God every day. When King Darius found out, he was shocked and had no option but to punish Daniel for not following the law. He put him into the **Lions'** Den overnight. King Darius tried all he could to prevent this happening, as he really liked Daniel.

The next morning, King Darius went to the cave, *cautiously*, and asked Daniel if he was okay, hoping he would have been protected by the God he had been praying to. Daniel claimed that he was so grateful because an Angel had come and closed the mouths of the Lions, and protected him. King Darius was so happy and immediately ordered Daniel to be removed from the Lions' den. When Daniel was lifted from the den, there wasn't even a scratch on him because he trusted in God.

Ask the assembly the following questions:

- What happened in the story?
- What should the King have done? (*Done what was right and not put Daniel in danger*).
- How would Daniel have felt in the Lions' Den? (*Scared, Worried, Hopeful*)
- What might we expect for him to have done that night? (*Pray*)
- What did Daniel have in the den to keep him strong? (Trust in God, Faith, **but most importantly: Hope**).

Round of applause for all the volunteers

Recap

What did we learn yesterday? *About Freedom and Slavery in the 21st century.*

Did we learn that everyone is the same and should be treated well? Yes

Should we all have freedom? Yes

What was the final question? *Does modern day slavery happen in our area today?*

You have had all yesterday and today to think about it. What did you conclude?

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Modern day slavery doesn't just happen in cities, and it also doesn't only happen in rural areas out of sight. There are a few ways that different types of slavery can be seen in every area of the UK.

Meet Svetlana; Svetlana was born in Moldova, she used to live on a farm with her parents when they started to become indebted to a private individual. As they couldn't pay the person back, they were told that Svetlana had to accompany the person to London, Svetlana thought this was a great opportunity, she could help her parents, see the world, earn her own money, get educated and have a great time!

When she arrived in the UK, she was taken to a house and made to work for a family, raising their children. Receiving no money, she wasn't allowed out the house and was often not given proper bedding or treated well at all. She was scared of the people who housed her, and wasn't sure how to escape. She 'worked' for this family for 8 years. Svetlana felt very emotional.

In 1990, Richard was homeless on the streets in Britain and was approached by a man wanting to offer him work, shelter and food. Richard wanted to be off the streets, and went with the man. He then worked from really early in the morning until well into the night- laying bricks, plumbing, plastering,

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RECAP

Wait, does modern
day slavery happen
in my area?



replacing rooftops - anything he was told. His masters hurt him often, and when they no longer needed his labour they sold him on to new people. He travelled all over the UK, living in awful conditions, never allowed to leave. Sometimes they threw him scraps of food or a crumpled banknote. Sometimes they paid him nothing at all. He was trapped like this for 28 years.

Ask the pupils the following questions:

What happened in each story? (*Recap*)

How might each person have felt at each point in the story? (*Hope for a better life, excited, then scared, worried, alone*)

- When they were offered the job
- When transported to another place
- When they realised they were a slave
- When they were rescued.

What would you have done if you were them?

How important was hope in their situations?

I think it's important for us all to consider how much time is lost when we think about those who are trapped in modern day slavery.

'Svetlana, held for 8 years'

'Richard, held for 28 years'

Total up those numbers alone and that is 36 years. Imagine losing 36 years.

And that is just two people. (*Recap from yesterday: how many in the world?*)

Look at all the time that is lost. Look at all the life that gets lost for nothing. The people we may never meet because great minds are kept locked away. Experienced people are held. They are not allowed to blossom, reach their potential. They do not have their freedom.

Shall we all help? Yes. We should help them reach their freedom.

Let's look at some signs someone in our area might be in modern day slavery.

Suspicious person with them

Local language is a struggle (this one should be considered alongside other signs)

Any Person - anyone could be a slave, any age any gender any nationality

Valid Travel Documents Missing - if someone doesn't have their passport they can't leave.

Emotional - they may feel upset, scared and have been hurt.

If we see any of these signs we can ask someone to help us or call the police.

What might Svetlana, Richard and Daniel have in common? They were all in bad situations. Looking back at the story of Daniel and the lions den... Daniel had hope and faith that he would be saved.

Hope is the idea of wanting something better for our lives, freedom should be able to grant us that. Hope keeps us going and gives us strength when our situations are not good.

Suspicious Person with Them

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Valid Travel Documents Missing

Emotional and Abused


We spoke about modern day slavery, and how those in slavery may feel as though they do not have anything. They may feel scared and alone. They may not have the strength to escape. However, we cannot move on or ignore them.

Hope must lead to an outcome, hope is the strength we are given to carry on and keep believing that things will change. Hope is the police rescuing a slave at 2am in the morning. Hope is that the cruel treatment will stop and that it will be replaced by family, friends, a friendly face and someone saying 'you are safe now'.

We are *all* here to do good in the world, and we will make sure that we deliver the work that is meant to happen. We are meant to make right any wrong which happens in the world and one example of this is the **wrong of slavery**.

As we spoke before, we should treat everyone the same. Hope is the strength but you must all also **action** this messaging. That is repeated by all religions around the world.

So today we looked at other people's stories, but will modern day slavery ever affect me or any of you?



How does all this affect me?

Freedom Prayer

Voice 1

On this holy ground of worship
In this sacred place of prayer
We have heard the voice of freedom
Crying 'Let my people go.'

All

Father/God of freedom,
Who leads us into life,
Deliver us from every evil:
And make of us
Deliverers of others.

Freedom Prayer

Voice 2

Where chains restrain God's chosen children
Where humans trade in kin and skin
May our words pass on your promise
Of a land where liberty is sweet

All

Father/God of freedom,
Who leads us into life,
Deliver us from every evil:
And make of us
Deliverers of others.

Freedom Prayer

Voice 3

Give us faith to face the Pharaohs
Who line their pockets from this plague
Send us as salvation's sponsors
Willing servants; slaves to love

All

Father/God of freedom,
Who leads us into life,
Deliver us from every evil:
And make of us
Deliverers of others.

Time to recite together the Freedom Prayer.