

Hands and Feet: Social Justice

Kids Church - Lesson 2

Date:

Lesson 2: How can I make a difference? - Refugees

Learning Objective/s:

Children will learn:

1. What a refugee is
2. What charities are doing to support refugees
3. What the Bible says about refugees
4. How they can make a difference

Equipment:

- Weekly overview board and lesson timetable board (*see series overview for more info*)
- *Ice breaker: -*
- *Song: Speaker, device and PowerPoint*
- *Lesson: Slides and Ladders game, counters and dice, giant bible verse*
- *Craft: printed out of charity websites, a3 paper for posters, felt tips, pencils*
- Parent cards and a copy of the Slides and Ladders game to take home

Parent Card:

At the end of the lesson, hand out the **parent cards** to the children so that they can continue reflecting on this week's lesson at home.

Welcome Time:

Before starting the lesson, sit the children down and ask each one about their week, not forgetting to share about yours too. This is a great chance to build relationship with each other and to teach the children important skills like communication and listening.

Ice Breaker: What would you do?

Tell the children that they have just arrived in a new land, but they have nothing apart from the clothes they are wearing. No food. No house. No money. No job. They can't even talk to the local people because they talk a different language!

The children have one minute to come up with a plan of how they will survive. Go around the children and ask them how they would survive.

Then tell the children, it might be funny to imagine how you would survive

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but this scenario of arriving in a new land with nothing is a reality for lots of men, women and children today. We call them refugees. These are people who have left their homes and all they own because it is no longer safe for them to live there.

Learning point question: Can you think of any reasons why peoples' home countries are no longer safe for them to live in?

Tell the children that people leave home when war begins, when natural disasters like floods happen, when they do something that their government don't agree with like becoming a Christian.

Learning point question: How does it make you feel to think people have to leave everything they own and start again in a new country?

Just like we learnt last week, there are people around the world who do what they can to help these people. We are going to learn about some of these charities today, as well as looking at what God thinks, and what we can do to make a difference.

Song

Pick a song your children regularly sing and dance to, or teach them a new song.

Lesson: Slides and Ladders

The children are going to play a game of Slides and Ladders. Tell them that the slides represent what some people in the world think about refugees and the ladders represent what the Bible says about refugees.

Use the counters provided (or bring some objects in from home) and a dice (either one from home or make one using the template) and play the game with the children. Make sure you read out the boxes when they are landed on. Repeat the game at least one more time so the children have had an opportunity to read all the squares for the slides and ladders.

After you have played the game, **get the giant Bible out** and tell the children they are going to read the same verses as last week, but tell them some of the sentences are highlighted to show them which are about the lonely, i.e. like a refugee with nowhere to go. Read out the verses together and ask the children, from what they've learned today and after reading these verses,

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what does the Bible say about refugees and what does the world think about refugees. (Place the Slides and Ladders board and the the giant Bible in front of them for a visual if they need prompting). Make sure you also say that although there are some people in the world who would not welcome refugees and would be unkind to them, there are people who aren't Christians who would welcome them and provide for them as well.

Explain to the children that God loves those who have no home and He doesn't want to see them suffering. He wants us to be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth, to look after refugees, to care for them, and to welcome them just like Jesus would do.

Craft: Charities Poster

Tell the children they are going to be learning about what some Christian charities do to help refugees. Split the children into two groups. Each group has to make a poster about a Christian charity. On the poster they need to include what the charity does to help refugees. Younger children have pictures that they can colour in, cut out and add to the posters.

Give each group a print out of pages direct from the websites of these two charities (these could also be cut up and stuck on the posters):

International Care Network (ICN) - <https://www.icn.org.uk/>

The Salvation Army - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/supporting-refugees>

Once the children have finished, they need to present their poster to everyone and explain what they have written and drawn.

Prayer:

Tell the children that one of the ways they can make a difference is through prayer.

Remind the children to complete their prayer journals this week (also give out prayer journals to any children who do not have one).

Now sit the children on the floor and ask if anyone can think of a simple prayer to pray for refugees around the world. Listen to their thoughts and then lead the children in a prayer.

Next, ask the children if they have anything they want to pray about for the week ahead/or anything they want to say thank you to God for. Then lead the children in a prayer (before you start, ask if any children would like to pray too).

Parent Card

What I've learned in Kids Church today

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We're so glad your child has joined us today!

During our session today we have talked about refugees. The children have learnt that there are people who have left their homes and all they own because it is no longer safe for them to live there. We call these people refugees. We then discovered that God loves those who have no home and He doesn't want to see them suffering. He wants us to be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth, to look after refugees, to care for them, and to welcome them just like Jesus would do.

Prayer Journal

This week, please encourage your child to complete week 2, reminding them about how they can make a difference to those living in a new land with nowhere to go by praying for them.

The memory verse we learned today is:

'I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house.'
Matthew 25:35

Talk together:

Over the next few weeks the children will be doing a social justice series entitled "Hands and Feet".

Today the children have played a game of Slides and Ladders looking at what the Bible says about refugees and what some people in the world might think. Why not play the game at home and talk about what God thinks and how we might be able to put these things into action.

Pray together:

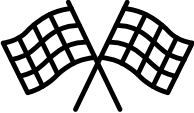

Jesus,

There are some people in the world who have to flee their homes to keep themselves safe.

Help me to welcome these people when they arrive in our country and help me to love them like you do.

Amen

See you next time!

<p>31</p>	<p>We'll welcome them, but we won't be kind to them</p>	<p>33</p>	<p>34</p>	 <p>End</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>We're worried they'll take our jobs and overwork our doctors - so we won't welcome them</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>If someone arrives with nothing - give them food to eat</p>
<p>If someone arrives with nothing - give them clothes to wear</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Don't mistreat a stranger - value them as a person and help them</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>Don't let any more people into our land - we haven't got enough room</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Love everyone like yourself, even strangers in your land</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>6</p>
 <p>start</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>If someone is lonely, invite them to stay in your house</p>

Matthew 25

34 “Then the King will say to the good people on his right, ‘Come. My Father has given you his blessing. Come and receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made. 35 I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and

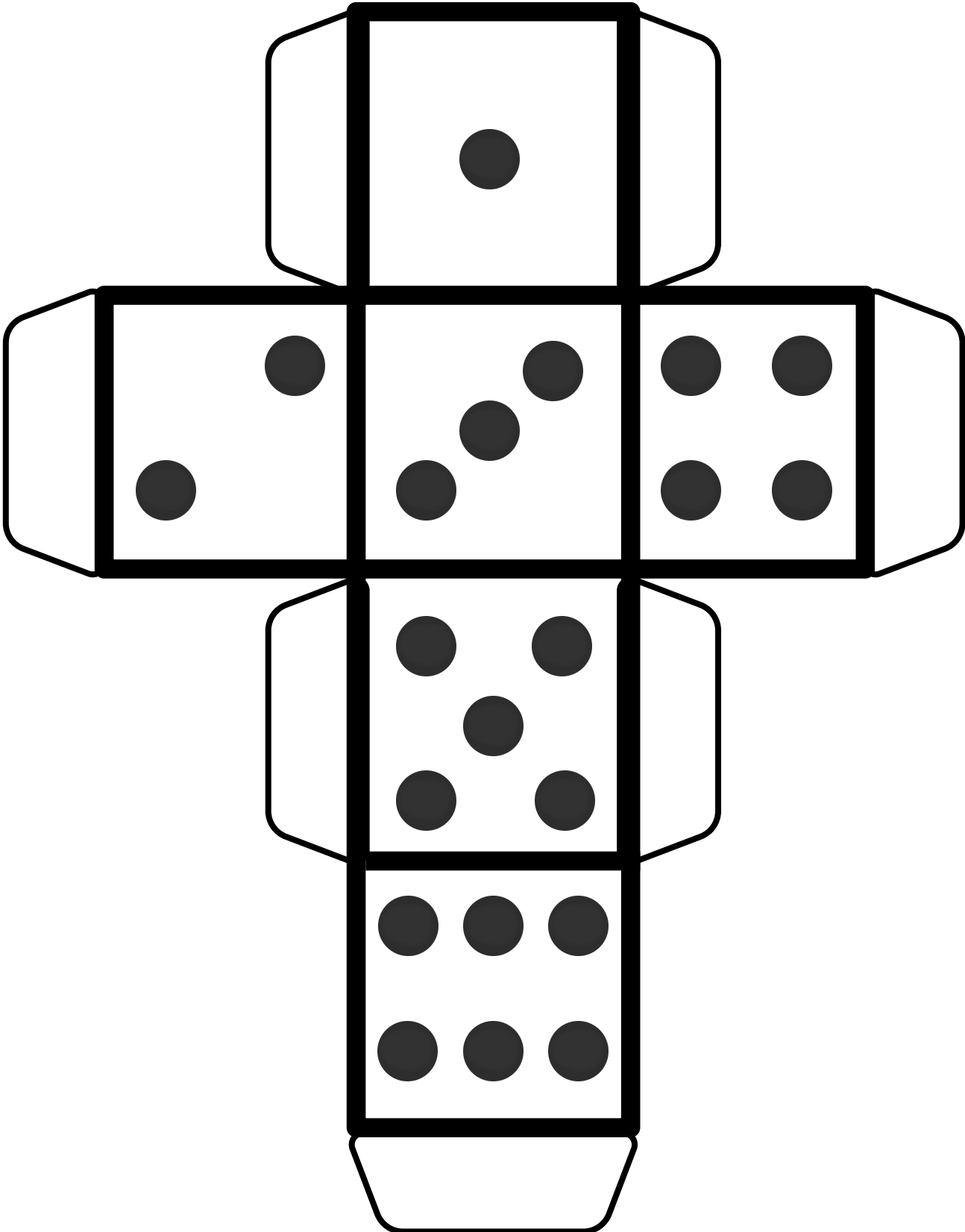
away from home, and you invited me into your house. ³⁶ **I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'**

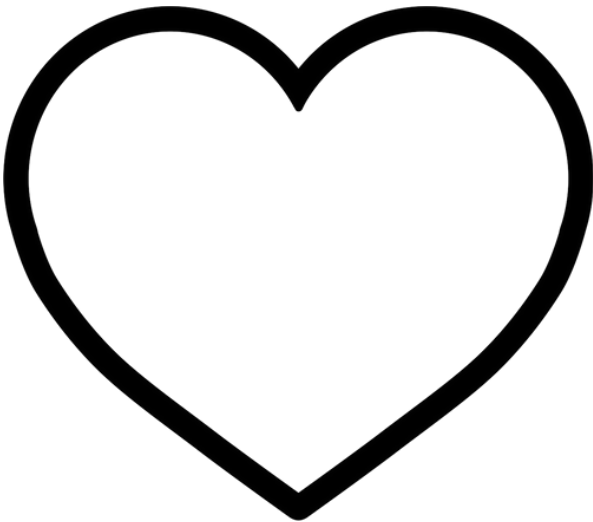
³⁷ **"Then the good people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?"**

38 When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?’

40 “Then the King will answer, ‘I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.’

Lesson: Slides and Ladders - counters and dice







Refugees

Love

Welcome

Help