



Anti-trafficking

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Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Large price tags - some with a large string loop, thick pen to write with, Blu-tack

Props - pencil, book, toy

Pre-arrange for some adults to participate in the auction.

How Much?

Aim

To raise awareness of human trafficking.

Introduction

Welcome, welcome, welcome! You may have thought you were coming in for an assembly today, but no! It's a pop-up market today!

Roll up, roll up! Got some great bargains for you today!

Hold up a pencil. How much will you give me for this? It's great for writing and drawing. You'll get at least a month of hard work from it! *Agree on a price and write on a price tag. Stick on to the pencil and display.*

Hold up a book. Roll up! What will you give me for this book? It's only been read twice before. Colour pictures. Look after it and it will last you a lifetime! Hours and hours of enjoyment could be yours. *Agree on a price and write on a price tag. Stick on to the book and display.*

Hold up a toy. How much is this worth? Hours and hours of fun for you! It should last for years - unless you break it or grow out of it. *Agree on a price and write on a price tag. Stick on to the toy and display.*

Main Talk

Now I've got something that will last years! *Take a volunteer adult to the front, and put a price tag with a string loop over their head.* You'll get a lot of work out of this one. Lots of reading, writing, and maths... even gardening and cooking! *(modify text to reflect the individual).* How much is this one worth?

Just needs some food now and then and somewhere to sleep. He/she doesn't need much. - *Pause.* Not so easy now to put a price on this, is it?

Repeat with a second adult.

How does it make **you** feel, when we talk about how much they are worth?

How do you think **they** feel, about us trying to put a price on them? - *You may wish to ask this to a volunteer.*

We may feel uncomfortable or unhappy as we know this is not how you are supposed to treat people. People, individuals, are worth more than money. This is called slavery. The modern-day term for this is called trafficking.





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Further questions to ask - if appropriate.

Why is it so hard to put a price on people?
What rights do people have?
When you work, what should you expect in return?

Every day we are finding people who are forced to work. People who are being tricked or forced into working and being paid very little money, or no money at all. Men, women and children, all around the world, are being trafficked, being treated as slaves.

Christian Perspective

The Bible says: **'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless'** (Proverbs 31:8).

The Salvation Army, as a Christian church and charity, takes these words very seriously. The Salvation Army speaks out against trafficking. There are campaigns to let people know about trafficking and there are interviews on the news.

The Salvation Army helps protect the people, in the UK and other countries, who have been trafficked. *Take the price tags off the volunteers.* The Salvation Army gives them a safe place to live, the support they need to recover, and the support they need to improve their lives. There is also a children's home, in Malawi, Africa, where children who have been trafficked there can recover and regain their childhood.

Challenge and Reflection

Think for a moment about people who have been trafficked. Now that you know about trafficking, what can you do? What can you do for those who are helpless?

Speak and protect. Speak out against it. Tell someone else about it. Write about it and let someone read it. Draw a picture and show it. The more people who know about it and know how wrong it is, the more people will be able to stand up against it. And that is how we can protect people. Pause for a moment and think what you can do to help.

Pause for short reflection time.

If the children are older, and it is appropriate, show the video 'Cry Freedom' by International Development UK: www.youtube.com/watch?v=5A_c_nw2uWY

Thank children and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly today.