

KID'S

ministry



Community of Christ

SHINE LIGHT ON INJUSTICE - Activities

PURPOSE:

- Identify what injustice is
- Understand that shining a light can help others to also see
- Understand that what we do makes a difference
- Identify ways we can shine light on injustices

ACTIVITY	TIME (ESTIMATES)	RESOURCES
Section 1: What is Injustice	3 minutes	
Section 2: Light It Up (need a dark space)	20 minutes	Option 1: Strong light source (possibly laser), mirrors (one per person), item (little toy) Option 2: Torches (one per person) or light sources, item (little toy) Option 3: Torches (one per person), item (little toy)
Section 3: Red Hand Day	10-15 minutes	Butches paper/Cardboard, paint brushes, red paint, water to wash hands, tape to stick it up
Section 4: Greta and The Giants	10 minutes	Book: <i>Greta and the Giants</i> by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico
Section 5: Conclusion	5 minutes	

LEADING INSTRUCTIONS:

Read through materials before you start and ensure that everything is printed, and activities prepared ahead of time

Parts in bold are to tell or ask the group or children. Some answers are provided in case the group doesn't get there

Italics is instruction for the leader

Several activities have variations, do what is best for your group

Section 2 activities need darkened spaces, block out big windows with material or paper to make it much more effective.



Section 1

WHAT IS INJUSTICE?

DISCUSSION:

1. WHAT IS JUSTICE?

**Just behaviour or treatment. Fairness, equality*

2. WHAT IS INJUSTICE?

**Unjust behaviour or treatment. Unfairness, inequality*

3. WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN INJUSTICE? WHERE ARE THINGS NOT FAIR?



Section 2

LIGHT IT UP

**Option 2 variation would work with a whole congregation*

ACTIVITY:

To find an item in the darkness using light. Better in a darkened, busy space.

Option 1: Place item somewhere in the space. Ensure everyone knows where the item is, but not in a direct line of site. Someone holding a powerful light source (possibly a laser) stands in a corner and shines a light to another holding a mirror. They reflect the light off to another mirror, until the group bounces the light on the item.

Variation: For one or two kids hang or prop the mirrors to hold them in place.

Option 2: Hide the item in the space. Group does not know where the item is. Group enters the space after it is hidden and pick a spot. Using a torch they look for the item. Note: they cannot move their feet. They can bend to look low or turn on the spot. Once they spot the item they don't tell anyone just hold their light on it till all have found it.

Variation: This could be done in a lit room and people point when they have found the item.

DISCUSSION (Option 2):

1. WHEN DID IT BECOME EASIER TO FIND THE ITEM?

Option 3: For very small groups. Best done in a semi dark space with obstacles. Place the item in the space, not in direct sight. Individual starts in a corner with a torch (off). Pointing the torch, flash the light on and move to where the light falls. Once there, point and flash the light on again and move to the new location. Finish once the light falls on the item. Count the flashes, trying to get to the item in the smallest number of flashes (like golf).

Section 3

RED HAND DAY

DISCUSSION:

On the 12th of February there is a global injustice we shine light on.

1. ANY IDEAS WHAT IT MIGHT BE?

**Child Soldiers*

2. WHAT IS A CHILD SOLDIER?

**A child that serves as part of the armed conflicts around the world.*

There are 250 000 children used in war. Some are as young as 8 years old. They might fight on the front lines, participate in suicide missions, act as spies, messengers, domestic servants or lookouts. Some join because that are abducted or recruited by force, others join out of desperation. Thinking being involved in war is their best chances of survival.

3. WHY IS CHILD SOLDIERS AN INJUSTICE?

**Children have the right to be children and to have a childhood.*

What they see, experience and do as child soldiers seriously damages these children psychologically, emotionally and physically. They have the right to just be children.

4. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS INJUSTICE?

The 12th of February is Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers. We can help by participating and uploading our hands to contribute to the millions of others protesting and demanding the protection of children from war. *(Take a picture of the poster and up load it later* <https://www.redhandday.org/index.php?id=9&L=0>)

Create awareness in our community

- using our voices to tell others
- creating a banner/poster that others will see

ACTIVITY:

Create a poster: Create a heading on the poster “12th Feb- Red Hand Day for Child Soldiers.” Using red paint, each person paints their hand and makes a hand print on the poster.

Hang the poster somewhere it will be seen by others. Recommend outside where members of the community will also see it.

If done as a children’s class: Ask others in the congregation if they too would like to add their hand to the poster helping to bring awareness to the problem of Child Soldiers. *(Getting the children to do the actual asking of others after their class might be a way the children can start to share and shine light on Child Soldiers and this injustice).*



Section 4

GRETA AND THE GIANTS

Read *Greta and Giants* by Zoe Tucker and Zoe Persico

DISCUSSION:

1. WHAT WAS THE INJUSTICE GRETA WAS RESPONDING TO?
2. HOW DID GRETA SHINE LIGHT ON THIS INJUSTICE?
3. HOW WAS CHANGE MADE?

**Many people standing together against injustice*



Section 5

CONCLUSION

DISCUSSION:

1. IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU SHINE A LIGHT ON INJUSTICE IN YOUR WORLD?

CLOSING PRAYER:

God of light,

Our hearts can be broken by the injustices we see in your world. At times we feel helpless to change anything as we are only one person and so small.

Help us to be brave and shine our lights on the injustices we see. That we might have courage to step out and call others attention to those things that are just not right. Where people are being hurt and unfairly treated. When we all work together, we can have a big impact, but we need to be working together to share your love and peace.

This is our prayer

Amen