



The Good Things in Life

PRIMARY ANTI-TRAFFICKING ASSEMBLY

Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Video clip:

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/change4change

www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsWDAAJdlv4

Aim

- To be thankful for the opportunities we have to be healthy and happy
- To be aware that children are being trafficked

Bible Quote :

'I come to give life - life that is full and good' (John 10:10 ERV).

Introduction

Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.

Slide 1 What might help us grow up healthy and happy? What are the good things in life? *Quickly take several answers.*

Slide 2 Here are four things that you might need to be healthy and happy.

School: *mime a book - both hands flat together and 'open' them as a book.* School helps you learn lots of things and helps develop your brain.

Food: *mime rubbing your stomach.* Food helps your body to grow.

Friends: *mime flapping both hands as if they are tapping the hands of people on either side of you.* Friends give friendship and support, and are fun to play with.

Family: *mime placing both hands over your heart.* People who care and look after you are often called family, whether you are related to them or not. It can mean safety and security.

These may or may not be the top four things you need to grow up healthy and happy - but they certainly help. Who can remember the four gestures I did?

Play a game with the pupils.

Make rhythmic chants with the four words and gestures, encouraging the pupils to remember them and repeat them back to you.

For example

- Friends, food. Friends, food. Friends, food.
- Family, family. Food, Food. School.
- Food, school, food, school. Family, family.

Make it harder - miss out some of the words!

Finally finish with all four words.

- School, food, friends, family.





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Main Talk

Which is your favourite? Which is the most important? *Ask all pupils to mime their answers, and then ask for a couple of pupils to give their reasons.*

Slide 3 Sometimes these four words may not always be your favourite; you may have fallen out with friends, you may have a hard task to do at school, you may have to eat all your vegetables, or perhaps someone at home has told you, ‘No TV till your bedroom is tidy!’

Slide 4 But they are part of helping us to grow and be happy.

- School, food, friends, family.
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This is the routine of our lives:

- School, food, friends, family.
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Do we ever take a moment to appreciate how wonderful it is that we have everything we need to grow and be happy?

- School, food, friends, family.

But not every child in the world is as fortunate as this.

Click to make school image disappear.

- School - mimed only, food, friends, family.

There are children who have to go to work instead of going to school.

Click to make food image disappear.

- School, food - mimed only, friends, family.

There are children who are not given enough food to eat.

Click to make friends image disappear.

- School, food, friends - mimed only, family.

There are children who are left alone all day.

Click to make family image disappear.

- School, food, friends, family - all mimed.

There are children who have been tricked away from their family. They are no longer in a safe place, and they are frightened.

Slide 5 In some parts of the world, there are people who trick families. They persuade the family to send a child with them, promising that the child will have a good life and earn lots of money to help the family. But it is a lie. The child becomes a slave - forced to work, with little food, no one knows where the child is, and no money is sent home. This is called child-trafficking.



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Salvation Army Perspective

It's hard to believe that while we are enjoying school, food, friends and family, there are children who have had all this taken away from them.

Slide 6 The Salvation Army works in many countries to help educate communities about the dangers of trafficking. Salvation Army people work hard at finding children who have been trafficked, and helping them to recover from their experiences.

Here in Mchinji, is The Salvation Army centre in Malawi, in Africa. This centre specialises in supporting children who have been trafficked.

Mime school: Here the children go back to school. They learn how to read and write. They also learn a trade.

Mime food: Here the children are looked after. They have plenty of good food to eat. There are also doctors to help care for them and help them get better.

Mime friends: Here they can be children again, playing with friends.

Mime family: Here is a place of safety and security; they are no longer frightened. When the children are better, they are returned to their families. The families are also helped. They are taught how to identify when someone is trying to trick someone else into being trafficked. The Salvation Army also helps support the family out of poverty.

Slide 7 Meet Kumbukani. Kumbukani is from Malawi, and he had been trafficked. *Watch video clip.*

Christian Perspective

Slide 8 Why does The Salvation Army support people and children who have been trafficked? The Salvation Army is a Christian church and charity. Christians read the Bible for guidance and support. In the Bible, Jesus says, '*I come to give life - life that is full and good*' (John 10:10 ERV).

But what kind of life do you have if you do not have school, food, friends and family? What kind of life is it if you don't have any of the good things in life?

Challenge and Reflection

Slide 9 Take a moment to think about all the good things we have in our lives that help us grow and be happy. Take a moment to appreciate how wonderful our days are, that our lives are full with opportunities to help us be the best we can be. Be thankful that we live such wonderful lives.

Take a moment to think about children who have lost these opportunities: children who have lost school, food, friendship and family because they have been trafficked. Be thankful that they have been found and have the chance to recover and find happiness again.

Pause for a short reflection time.

Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.

