

Explore It FOR LEADERS



CLIMATE CHANGE

 Matthew 25:35-40

What is climate change and why does it matter?

Think about the impact that climate change has on some of the world's most vulnerable people. Often the people most affected by climate change tend not to be those most responsible for causing it. Most affected are some of the people who grow the food we eat every day. Explore how The Salvation Army is working with people affected by climate change to help overcome some of the challenges they are facing.

Look back at some of the actions you discussed in the last session and consider how these small changes will help climate change and therefore will impact people in other parts of the world. Children have powerful voices and can make big things happen.

Each child will need:

→ Pens/pencils and paper

You will need:

→ A world map (optional) – see Action It section

Start It

● **Say:** Today we're going to spend time thinking about the impact of climate change on the environment. Let's get started by seeing how much you know in this Climate Trivia quiz.

Screenshare: Climate Trivia <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/trivia/>

Sing It

Back in our first session we started learning the 'All good dance moves' song. Let's see how you've been getting on learning the song and the dance moves.

'All good dance moves' by Orange Kids Music (3 mins 17 secs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjo3f1TfltA>

Tell It

● **Say:** When it comes to climate change there is a lot of information around that can sometimes be misleading. It is important that we find reliable places to discover more about what is happening to our planet. Today we are going to spend some time making sure that we understand what climate change is and how it is impacting our world.

What is climate change? with Maddie Moate by Blue Peter (6 mins 19 secs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJxn0ZcpN2c>

Ask: What fascinating facts did you learn about climate change?

● **Say:** Now that you understand more about climate change, let's look at how it impacts the Earth.

Video

Climate change: your questions answered by BBC Newsround (2 mins 53 secs)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zl-7W_wB_fw

Ask: What messages of hope did you hear in the clip?

🗨 **Say:** The report mentioned in the clip said that the Earth will reach the 1.5 degree threshold by 2040.

Ask:

- ➔ How old will you be in 2040?
- ➔ What amazing things could you do to be God's Creation Champion in between now and then?

Action It

🗨 **Say:** In the Bible Jesus explains how important it is that we help those who are in need.

"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. 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."

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? 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? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?"

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

— Matthew 25:35-40 (ICB)

Ask: How do you think these verses link to the impact climate change is having in our world?

🗨 **Say:** Across the globe The Salvation Army is listening to the words of Jesus and helping people cope with the impacts of climate change. Watch the clip together to learn more about it.

Video

Choose one of the Self-Denial videos from this year's appeal. Each clip considers how Salvationists are Caring for Creation in Kenya, Indonesia, Costa Rica and Bangladesh. Watch the clip together as a group and discuss the following questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7L42bBINtIMjxfGZ3cVFoBFsaTJp671C>

Discuss

- ➔ Where in the world is (insert name of the country you've looked at)? If possible, show the children on a world map.
- ➔ What kind of problems is this place dealing with because of climate change?
- ➔ What is The Salvation Army doing to help people in this country?
- ➔ How does it make you feel to know that you are part of an organisation that is making such a difference to people's lives?
- ➔ How is The Salvation Army living out the words of Jesus from Matthew 25:35-40?
- ➔ How could you do the same?

🗨 **Say:** The scientists believe there is still time to change what is happening to the planet and we play an important part in that.

Video

🗨 **Say:** Throughout these sessions we have been memorising Psalm 8:3-9. This psalm reminds us of the beauty of God's creation. Let's learn the final part and see if we can put it all together.

You can either use the video clip or, if you prefer, you could learn the actions and teach them to the group.

Psalm 8:3-9 – Bible verses to memorize for kids with actions (week 4) by In the Gap Kids (3 mins 45 secs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4tvOnXagSo>

Ask: In what ways does Psalm 8:3-9 remind us of the importance of God's creation and our role in looking after it?

Pray It

- **Say:** It can sometimes feel a little scary to think about the things that are happening in the world. We might see the news and worry about what the future holds. Throughout these sessions we have discovered what it means to care for God's creation. Not everyone understands how important this is, so we can use our voices, however small, to share with people ways that they can look after the planet.
- **Say:** Remember that in all this, we are not alone. God is always with us and we can take all our worries and cares to him.

Video

Use the song to give the children an opportunity to share their concerns about climate change and spend time praying about them together.

'Be still and know' by Scripture Lullabies (4 mins 19 secs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKWGSzxtcZA>

Explore It

Remember to send home the Explore It (For Me) and Explore It (Together) ideas for children and families.