ACTIVITY 5

What do ReStores do?

Habitat for Humanity

TIME: 30 minutes

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

Video and wordsearch

(can download from website)

BADGES:

Get Learning and Get Involved

Watch the video and keep an eye out for the items for sale at ReStore

This video shows the great work ReStores do in Ballymena. Newry. Newtownards and Lisburn to help families improve their homes at a cost they can afford. All these items are donated to ReStore which means they can be re-used rather than end up in landfill. Customers can then get items they need to improve or furnish their house at an affordable cost and the money raised helps support others here in NI and across the world to have a decent place to live.

Some questions to ask:

Have you ever visited a ReStore?

In the video what items could you see for sale in ReStore?

ReStore couldn't operate without our fantastic volunteers - what is a volunteer?

FUN FACT: Did you know that Richard and Niall (ReStore Lisburn manager) who were in the video are both BB Leaders!

Do you think you could help ReStore by telling your family or friends all about them and encourage them to donate any items they no longer need?

ACTIVITY 6

Gingerbread House **Challenge**



TIME: 20-30 minutes

PREPARATION/RESOURCES

Gingerbread House Challenge Fundraising Pack (on website); Gingerbread House kit (recipe included or could buy a pre-made kit from local supermarket), sweets and icing to decorate

Get Learning. Get Involved and Get Creative

- 1. Head to the website to download some resources, including a sponsor form, to help you get started.
- 2. Get family, friends and fellow Anchor Boys to join you.
- 3. Host your challenge! Build your gingerbread houses, have fun, raise funds and raise your voice for safe shelter.
- 4. Share your photos and videos on social media & encourage others to get involved! Tag us @habitatni or #habitatqingerbreadbuild
- 5. Send the funds you raised to Habitat (see the back page for full details).
- 6. You did it! Thank you for joining us to support those who need a safe place to call home.

Resources

Access more resources, including worksheets, videos and a fundraising pack at www.habitatni.co.uk/anchorboys or www.bbni.org/niforms.htm



Samuel, from Newtownards, decided to raise funds for Habitat by climbing Mount Everest on his stairs at home. Sam and his Dad, climbed 44,213 stairs to each the summit!!

"I wanted to support Habitat because they build houses for people in need. In these hard times we need to do what we can to help others."

Samuel

Other ways to get involved

(For Adults, Parent/Guardian(s) and Leaders)

- Raise your voice for shelter Sign our Build Solid Ground petition. Access to land lies at the heart of ending poverty. By using your voice to improve access to safe and secure land, you can help create the foundation for better housing. Sign the petition here www.habitatni.co.uk/petition
- Host a Habitat Sunday We have a ready-made church service pack which can be adapted for use in your church service.
- **Donation Drive** Support our work by arranging a drop off donation day at your church hall. Contact us to book a date.
- Pray Become a prayer partner www.habitatni.co.uk/pray

Sending your funds

- 1. Create a personal Anchor Boys fundraising page: www.habitatni.enthuse.com/cf/anchorboys
- 2. Give the funds raised to your leaders.

Note for Leaders

All funds collected by your Anchor Boys should be sent in the usual way to BB NIHQ.



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ANCHORS Project 2020/2021



Everyone Everywhere needs a safe place to live





Dear Anchor Boys, Leaders and Parents

All of us at Habitat, are delighted to have been chosen as the Anchor Boys Project for 2020/2021. We are thankful for the connections we have already with Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland and are looking forward to working with you this year.

Habitat seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. We believe in a world where everyone, everywhere has a safe place to live.

COVID-19 means that all of us have spent more time at home, school at home and work at home! Sometimes that has been fun and maybe other times it was challenging, but we have been safe at home and we could wash our hands. Nearly 1 in 4 people in our world don't have a home where they can stay safe and they don't have water to wash their hands.

Home is the start of it everywhere – locally we support some of the most vulnerable people in our community through a 'House to Home' programme. Working in partnership with DePaul and other like-minded agencies we provide practical support, together with volunteers, to help individuals and families sustain their tenancies to make their house a home.

Through Habitat ReStore; our low-cost home improvement stores in Ballymena, Lisburn, Newry and Newtownards; we help thousands of local people to improve their homes at prices they can afford. We support people of all backgrounds and abilities to learn new skills and at the same time divert tons of reusable material from landfill. We would love you to tell people you know about ReStore and maybe your Anchor Boys section could organise a donation drive and we can bring the ReStore van to collect at your church hall. More than 60,000 families every year shop at ReStore and more than 200 volunteers invest over 2,500 hours every month to make it possible.

We are excited by the potential to connect with you this year, as we raise awareness of how important safe homes are here at home and around the world, we hope that you will raise funds so that together we can help more people have a safe place to call home.

Thank you!

In partnership,

Jenny Williams
Chief Executive

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Activities

All these activities can be done as a group during a BB meeting or at home with parent/guardian(s). Each activity can also link into your ongoing Badgework and the badges that are relevant are highlighted in each activity.

ACTIVITY 1

Who lives in a house like this?



TIME: 10-15 minutes

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

Pictures of various types of houses from around the world either printed or on a screen

BADGES:

Get Learning and Get Involved

In this activity we will think about houses all around the world and what is needed to make a house that is safe and strong. Select at least 4 different types of houses (e.g. an igloo, a castle, skyscraper, yurt, farmhouse etc) and ask the boys to guess who might live in a house like these?

Think what would be needed to make a strong and safe house? (Walls, roof (to keep out the rain), windows, water etc)

Habitat helps families around the world have a decent place to live by building new houses, repairing houses and helping those that have lost their houses in natural disasters and working alongside communities to help others have a place to call home. **ACTIVITY 2**

What does home mean to you?



TIME: 15-20 minutes

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

A page per boy and felt-tips/crayons/pencils

BADGES:

Get Learning and Get Involved

In this activity we will think about our own houses and how they help us to feel secure, comfortable and safe. Get each boy to draw their own house and after admiring the wonderful drawing(s) - note how all our houses are different. Get them to think what all our houses have in common – doors, roofs, windows, walls. For older boys you can ask how their homes make them feel – e.g. safe, warm, comfortable.

Sadly a lot of people around the world and here locally don't have homes with roofs that keep out the rain, doors that lock, walls that keep out the cold, in fact they can be cramped, smelly and not safe. Some people don't have anywhere to call home. At Habitat we show God's love by helping people have a decent place to call home, that is safe and secure.

ACTIVITY 3

Duplo/Lego House Building competition



TIME: 20 minutes

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

Duplo/Lego or similar building blocks

BADGE

Badges: Get Learning, Get Creative and Get Active

(If doing this together as a group you could split the boys into teams; otherwise could be done at home individually and send a picture to the leaders of their houses)

In this activity we're going to get building! Each boy/team have 20 minutes to build a house using the duplo/lego available. Afterwards there will be a prize each for the house with the best design, the house that is the strongest and the team with the best teamwork (or in case of individual - the house the judge would most like to live in).

Once finished we at Habitat would love to see your wonderful houses; send a picture to info@habitatireland.org or upload it to Facebook/Instagram/Twitter with the hashtag #SafeHomeSaveLives and #habitatireland

ACTIVITY 3A - Mini Shack Attack

Collect recyclable items such as cardboard, paper, plastic, boxes and then build the best 'shack' out of materials – has to be strong, durable (withstand the weather) and well designed. Use masking/parcel tape to hold it together. This activity could go towards the Get Adventurous Badge.

Building the Kingdom



TIME: 20 minutes

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

Bible or Bible story book with pictures

BADGES:

Get Learning, Get into the Bible

Read the story Jesus told about two housebuilders in Matthew 7: 24-29 (or use a Children's story Bible)

Or Use this video done in lego to help tell the story (*link on website*)

Jesus told this story of two house builders who decided to build their house very differently!

Where did the wise man build his house?

Who built their house on the sand?

Which house do you think would be stronger when the winds and storms came?

At Habitat we want houses with strong foundations just like the rock, so that when rains, floods, storms come the people stay safe inside. Across the world we want to help people whose homes don't have strong foundations and build alongside them to have stronger, safer homes. We also help those whose homes have been damaged or lost during major weather events right across the world. Having a safe home is a strong foundation to build the rest of your life upon. Home is the start of it!

Jesus wasn't just talking about houses in this story – He wants us to build our lives upon Him the strongest foundation – to trust Him and follow Him in all we do.