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that you wish to see in the world

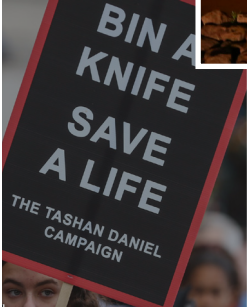
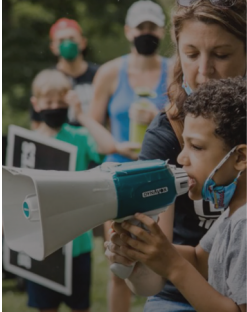
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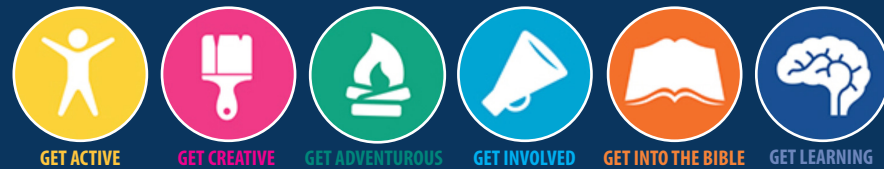
Company Section
Project 2020/21
RESOURCE PACK



How to use these resources. . .

The “**BB The Change**” campaign is an exciting new partnership between Boys’ Brigade Northern Ireland (BBNI) Company Section and Northern Ireland based charity Hope365 who rescue Street Kids in Ethiopia.

These resources have been designed to align with the six Programme Activity Areas.



We understand that Covid-19 may change the way in which you meet this year, but we have created these resources with that in mind. If necessary they can be used in conjunction with Zoom. Please ensure before you run any activity that you refer to the current Brigade and Government guidance for Covid-19.

The resources are split into 3 main sections with the main section (Section 2) relating to a special full night of activities which can be planned for a suitable time in the Company diary.

SECTION 1

Section 1 is a 20 - 30 min Bible focus in preparation for Section 2 to help prepare the boys for the main night. It touches on some of the teaching of Jesus in The Sermon on the Mount and challenges us with regard to attitudes towards contemporary culture. It is a challenge to us all and raises the question - Would it be possible for the boys to be “the change they want to see in the world”? Only they can decide.

SECTION 2

The main focus of the campaign will be section 2 entitled: “**BB the Change Big Night**”. This will be an entire BB evening with a varied programme of activities and badge work which will help the boys compare their lives with the lives of Street Kids in Ethiopia. Accompanying resource videos and Powerpoint Presentations are available at:

<http://bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm>.

There’s even an Ethiopian quiz for those who like to be competitive! The intention is that the boys will develop a new awareness of how fortunate they are to be living such comfortable lives. They will also be challenged to collectively help change the lives of more Street Kids by undertaking some badge work after the Big Night which will benefit their local community and at the same time raise funds for Hope365 to help them rescue more Street Kids.

SECTION 3

Section 3 comprises some additional Programme Activity Area ideas which link in with what the boys will have learnt from the Big Night. There are inter-company competitions with prizes! Would your boys like to have a song recorded in a professional studio, or sports equipment for you BB, or even the opportunity for your Company’s name to appear on an Ethiopian boys football team’s

We hope you will find the resources useful. If you would like a Hope365 presenter to come along to your Company to share about the challenges facing Street Kids in Ethiopia, please don’t hesitate to ask. Contact details are on the back page.



SECTION 1. preparing for . . . the Big Night



Preparatory Bible Study: Sermon on the Mount: Matt: 5 - 7

Estimated Time 30 mins

What’s needed: Data Projector
Downloaded Powerpoint presentation
Pens & Paper for each small group

Q. If there was one thing about your life that you could change what would it be?

Answers are likely to be frivolous - no school, no exams, more money etc

Q. If there was one thing in the world around you that you could change - what would it be?

May need some prompting - as for suggestions regarding current affairs - hopefully some things about war or famine or climate change etc will come up

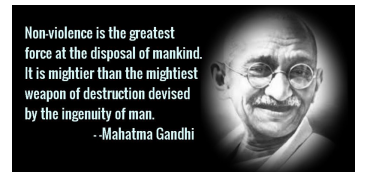
Tonight we’ll be looking at some things that perhaps all of you here tonight, would be able to change.

Tonight we are introducing a completely new campaign to BBNI called “**BB the Change**” and it’s a play on the phrase “Be the change that you wish to see in the world”

Q. Has anyone ever heard of that Phrase - or know who made that phrase famous?

A. Mahatma Gandhi. Has anyone ever heard of him?

Well he was a very famous Indian Lawyer and became associated with another phrase “Non violent Resistance” which you may have heard more recently. He employed non-violent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India’s independence from British Rule, and in turn inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.



Q. Has anyone heard of Martin Luther King?

A. He was another civil rights leader who Gandhi inspired - and of course MLK was the man who led to the end of segregation of blacks and whites in America back in the 1960’s.

Indeed you may well have heard references to Martin Luther King in relation to the Black Life’s Matter” campaign.



But this phrase of “Being the change that you wish to see in the world” was actually inspired by someone that you definitely will have heard of: Jesus - and especially in his teachings in Matthew 5-7 which are known as “The Sermon on the Mount” Now there’s far too much in those 3 chapters of the Bible for us to cover and so we are just going to look at a few of the ways that Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount may challenge us in the way we think about things.

DISCUSSION GROUPS (break into small discussion groups to address the following 5 photos)

Allow each group 2 or 3 minutes to discuss each photo and then ask a spokesman to relay the groups thoughts)

Q. What do you feel when you see footage of George Floyd’s arrest? (This led to Black Life’s Matter Campaign)

Q. What do you think Jesus would like to see changed?



RELEVANT SCRIPTURE: JUDGING OTHERS (Matt 5:39-40)

“But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.”

Jesus inspired Martin Luther King who was a Christian and a Pastor before leading the civil rights movement. These people actively protested by being beaten and refusing to fight back. Can you think of examples in your own lives when not reacting like this got you into trouble?

Q. What do you feel when you see this photo of a Bonfire?

Q. What do you think Jesus would like to see changed?

MURDER - ACTION OR THOUGHTS! (Matt 5:21-22)

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.”

Most of us are horrified at the thought of killing another human being. But Jesus challenges us about our thoughts. In the opening few verses of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says “Blessed are the peacemakers” How do our thought lives align with this idea of being “peacemakers” even in the local communities where we live?



SECTION 1. preparing for . . . the Big Night (cont.)

Q. What do you feel when you see this photo of war in Aleppo, Syria?

Q. What do you think Jesus would like to see changed?

EFFECTS OF WAR (Matt: 5: 6-9)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

The wars all around the world sadden God’s heart. As well as the casualties on the front line there are always so many more, as each individual involved has a family and friends who love them. Whether it’s traditional war, gang feuds, sectarianism violence or hate crime - remember each person involved is loved by God and their family. Jesus asks us to show love to all people, even if we disagree with them or their actions.



Q. What do you feel when you see this photo of malnourished children in Africa?

Q. What do you think Jesus would like to see changed?

GIVE TO THE NEEDY (Matt 6:2-4)

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.”

Also - LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF (Matt 22: 37-39)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.”

Who do you think Jesus is referring to as “your neighbour”? While in the first century it would have been impossible for people to know about the suffering of others in different, distant parts of the world - that’s all changed today.

Do you think that the fact we are aware of the needs and struggles of people across the world means that we have a responsibility to help? If so, in what ways can we help?



Q. What do you feel when you see this photo of plastics pollution?

Q. What do you think Jesus would like to see changed?

EFFECTS OF POLLUTION (Psalm 24: 1-2)

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.”

While not contained in the Sermon on the Mount the Bible is clear that God created the world and right from the very start has asked us to look after it. Remember the first people, Adam & Eve were given the job of tending to the Garden of Eden.



FINAL SUMMARY (from leader)

No one person alone can change all these things we’ve looked at - i.e. change the world - no matter how much we would love to. However each one of us as individuals can change to become more like Jesus and what he teaches that we should to be, so we will be able to improve that tiny part of the world that we have influence over. What might that look like for each of the 5 principles raised in our group discussions?

- 1 Perhaps how we react when someone wrongs us - we don’t look for ways to get revenge.
- 2 If we have negative feelings towards anyone of a different religion or ethnicity, we should remember that Jesus teaches that those feelings are as dangerous as actually harming them.
- 3 Can we try and make peace rather than stir up bad feelings - not just wars - but family life, racial awareness People may not lose limbs as in war - but we can be badly emotionally scarred by harsh words and actions.
- 4 Can we start to realise how wealthy we all are? - how many things we have - when we compare with what so many people have around the world. If our friend who was next door had no food we would give him some - what about our neighbours who live in other parts of the world and don’t even have enough food to eat etc.
- 5 Jesus didn’t teach specifically about this one - but the Bible does teach us that the world is God’s and everything in it. We really need to try hard not to destroy it. What about the litter, the Big Mac boxes or Coke cans or bottles?

And if each one of us changes as individuals - then the result of that is much greater when we work together for something. And that’s what we are going to be hearing about next week on our “BB the Change night”

SECTION 2

BBthe change that you wish to see in the world . . . the Big Night

Explain to the boys that tonight is a first ever Charity Campaign specially designed for the BBNI. Remind them about what they learned from the Sermon on the Mount Bible study. Tell them that tonight’s aim is that we think about how some of that can be put into action, in partnership with local charity Hope365, who work with Street Kids in Ethiopia. The focus of tonight is to learn about Street Kids and to compare their lives with ours and hopefully have some fun while we are doing it!

Play video 1.



INTRODUCING ETHIOPIA QUIZ

Time 15 min
What’s needed - Data Projector plus audio
Downloaded Powerpoint Quiz
Pens & paper for team quiz answers
Purpose: Introducing a very different country to N.I.

Divide the company into teams for a quiz about Ethiopia.

Open the Powerpoint entitled Quiz and ask the boys each of the 10 questions and ask them to write down their answers on the paper provided.

The final slide of the powerpoint has the answers so the winning team can be identified



INTRODUCING STREET KIDS

Time 25 min
What’s needed - Data Projector plus audio
Downloaded video presentations
Preparation based on previous Sermon on Mount session
Purpose: Meeting some Street Kids from Ethiopia

Play videos 2 & 3

Suggested discussion questions:

1. What shocked you the most about what you’ve just seen?
2. What part of having to live on the street do you think you would find most difficult/distressing?



THE BLIND CHALLENGE

Time 25 min
What’s needed - Data Projector plus audio
Downloaded video presentation
Blindfold, chairs and a variety of obstacles, an object to find, a finishing box or bucket, stopwatch.
Purpose: the importance of team work to help others

Despite all the challenges facing these boys, at least they don’t have any form of disability. However, just like in N.Ireland many children do suffer from a vast array of conditions which make living on the street even more challenging. This next video introduces you to one child for whom life on the street was even more challenging.

Play video 4

If you haven’t done so already - set up an obstacle course with a ball positioned in a suitably challenging position, and a bucket to put the ball into. Divide the Company into smaller sub teams and each team should nominate a member to be blind folded. The other members of the team must work together by giving verbal instructions from their base to help the person negotiate the obstacle course - find the ball - and then to place it in the designated completion bucket.

Each team should be timed and the fastest to get the item into the bucket is the winner.

Please adhere to appropriate Health & Safety guidelines to avoid injury when completing the obstacle course.

After completion emphasise to the boys that again this is a form of outworking of what they learned from the Sermon on the Mount, working together to help someone who is in need. The other boys in the Hope365 Centre helped Bini find his way - until he memorised it! Perhaps ask them if they can think of any practical examples of how they could help others that they know who may have extra needs.

SECTION 2 (Continued)

BB the change that you wish to see in the world . . . the Big Night



"BANK THE BOTTLES"
and change the
lives of
Street Kids

TIME 15 MIN
WHAT'S NEEDED: Data Projector & Audio
 Downloaded video presentation
 One bottle of Oasis fruit drink per boy
 Bottle labels supplied with this pack
PURPOSE:
 To improve our local community while raising funds for
 rescuing Street Kids in Ethiopia

Play video 5

This video introduces the “Bank the Bottles” campaign which challenges the boys of the BB to directly help the Street Kids.

Give the boys a bottle of Oasis juice (or similar wide necked bottle) and also one adhesive bottle label supplied with this pack. Explain that the purpose is that having drunk the juice they are then to replace the oasis label with the supplied label.

Organise a session on a suitable day when the boys in the Company will go out collectively to public parks, beaches, or similar and essentially do a litter collection. Bottles are the focus but other litter collected would be very beneficial.

Ask the boys to use their bottle as a “money box” and to ask friends and family to sponsor them for the bottle and litter collection. They can write their names and the sponsored amount onto the bottle label.

In addition, the bottle can be used to collect any loose change that folk may wish to donate to them. While the main collection may be on one specific night the boys should be encouraged to continue to collect more bottles in their own time. If, after a designated period, the BB leader counts the total number of bottles collected by the boys he/she should then send the verified number of bottles collected in an email entitled “Bank the Bottles” to info@hope365.co.uk . Also posting a photograph on social media would be great to share with everyone what’s been achieved. The bottles should then be brought to the local recycling centre.

The company who collects most bottles will win sports equipment for their group and specially designed “HOPE 365 Reuse Revolution” badges.

The money collected should be counted and verified by the leader and in due course given to Hope365 either by Bank Transfer or by cheque (see back page for details)

Each Company will receive a special Hope365 certificate acknowledging the boys accomplishment.



SECTION 3. after ... the Big Night

After the Big Night there are a range of other activities which will help the boys to remember and value the comfort and prosperity we all enjoy here in N.Ireland when compared to the Street Kids of Ethiopia. There are fantastic prizes to be won for the successful Companies, so we would encourage you to get the boys participating. We would love to share images on our social media showing how the boys respond. Before we can publish any photos online we must have a signed parent/guardian permission slip (available from: <http://bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm>). This can be photographed and sent to us.



WRITE A SONG



Local Singer/Songwriter (and former BB Member) Wes Grierson has travelled to Shashemene, Ethiopia and written a song. We have produced an accompanying video which you can view by following this link: <https://www.hope365.co.uk/where-we-work>

Now we'd love you creative guys to write your own song which must in some way relate to Street Kids. Either send a recording of it to Hope365, or send us the lyrics with a melody line (details on back page). It doesn't matter what style of music or if it's a band, a choir, an individual etc. With Wes's help we will choose a winner and, as a prize, we will offer you the opportunity of having the song professionally mastered in a recording studio.



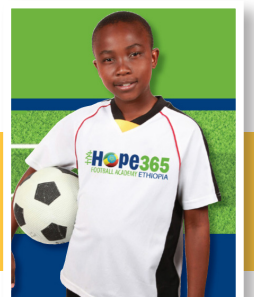
SURVIVAL SHACK



Shashemene is at quite a high altitude and consequently at night it can get quite cold. Some of the older boys sometimes build makeshift shelters out of anything they can find around the streets. Bags, pieces of piping, sticks - anything really that will provide them with shelter - especially if it is raining. For those adventurous enough we are challenging you to build your own Survival Shack. The rule however is that it must be constructed outside from bits and pieces of waste materials. Also, you and at least one friend, must spend one complete night in it! We'd love to see the photos so please see back page for details of where to send them. We'll even award the winners of what we feel is the most inventive creation with the prize of a TENT to make future overnight experiences more relaxing.



CRAZY KEEPY UPPIES



Ethiopia is football mad! So we use football as a way of helping boys avoid destructive life habits by offering them the opportunity of playing for a Hope365 team with an experienced coach. You've all heard of Keepy Uppies - well in Ethiopia often the boys don't even have a ball to play football with. They have to improvise using rolled up rags. Our challenge to you is to have yourself filmed doing keepy uppies with a "ball" created entirely of rags. The winner will be the boy who can do the most. Make sure you have video proof and then inform us of how many were completed. The winner will have his BB's Section Name printed on a complete teams football kit which will be sent to Ethiopia for the team of former Street Kids to wear. Now that will give a good PR shot and encourage more boys to get involved with BB.

SECTION 3. after ... the Big Night



GET INVOLVED

BOOKS for BOOKS



Most of our houses have bookshelves with books that haven't been looked at in years! Here is a great opportunity to turn these unwanted books into really sought after books in Ethiopia. We can recycle these books and with the money this generates we are able to buy new school books for the really poor kids in our school. It's so easy to make a real difference! If you can encourage all the boys in the Company to bring in books we can arrange to have these collected. Simply email: info@hope365 and we can arrange collection once you have finished the campaign.



GET INVOLVED

CLOTHES for CLOTHES



Let's face it, we all have far more clothes than we need. We would love to get the clothes that you and your family members have finished with, as we can turn them into clothes for kids in Ethiopia. If they are in good condition we can re-sell them in our Charity Shops. If they are of an appropriate size we will even bring them directly to Ethiopia for the Street Kids. Of course its not just boys clothes we need. We gladly accept all sorts of clothes: children's, adults, even babies. Even if they are not in re-selling condition we can recycle them for money and then buy clothes for the Street Kids. As well as ordinary clothes we need 400 school uniforms each year for the pupils in our school and so your old clothes can help finance that. Once all the clothes have been collected we would be delighted to send a van around to collect all of them from a suitable location. Simply email us on: info@hope365.co.uk and we will arrange for collection.

A Hope365 Visit?

If you think a personal visit from Hope365 staff would enhance the involvement of your Company with the "BB the Change" campaign, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will try to facilitate this on a first come first served basis. We are also available for any associated church services when we would be happy to share about the Street Kids who have seen their lives turned around.



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