

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our daily lives have been very different this year as we have adjusted to the new rules brought in because of the coronavirus pandemic. It has been an anxious and uncertain time for many children and young people. Some have been separated from family and friends by lockdown. Perhaps you have even lost someone in your family?

Around the world children and young people suffered the isolation of lockdown, but for many the hardship was even worse. Some were already hungry, thirsty and sick because they are persecuted just because they are Christians. Many found there was no money for food because their parents lost their jobs overnight when lockdown was announced and, in some cases, food aid supplied by the government was not given to them because they are Christians. At the same time, people in other parts of the world suffered a terrible invasion of locusts, which ate their crops, and floods, which ruined their homes.

Your life might be different from theirs, but we are all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, no matter where we are.

***"I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me."***

**ROMANS 15:30**

## MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE – FIVE VERSES OF HOPE

Have you ever seen a friend or relative seem sad or upset and wondered how you could help them? Do you know any hopeful Bible verses by heart that you could easily remember to share with your upset friend or recall for yourself in times of difficulty? We have selected five verses of hope for you to memorise for our SCAAW *Hope in Suffering* memory verse challenge. You can do this with your friends and/or family and set a target date that suits you to memorise all five verses. If you would like to raise funds to help our suffering brothers and sisters around the world you could consider getting sponsored for every verse you memorise. Ask your friends, relatives and neighbours to sponsor you. Ask your friends to join in the memory verse challenge!

**1. Jeremiah 29:11**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**2. John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**3. Psalm 46:1**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble

**4. Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose

**5. Psalm 33:22**

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

## RAISE AWARENESS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

It is easy to help suffering Christians by just sharing our Facebook page with your family and friends on social media. And ask them to do the same. Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/BarnabasFund](https://www.facebook.com/BarnabasFund)

On Facebook, you will find the SCAAW post pinned to the top of our page. Please like our page and share the SCAAW post with your friends and family – ask them to do the same.

## TO HELP YOU PRAY

You can use the *Barnabas Prayer* leaflet – enclosed in this magazine and available on line [barnabasfund.org/prayer-diary](https://www.barnabasfund.org/prayer-diary) – to guide you or your youth group as you pray. Look in the *Prayer Diary* with this magazine at the prayers that specifically relate to young people and children (p8, 28 September; p9, 30 September; p12, 15 October and p13, 21 October).

## BIBLE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ



**1. What was the sign of hope brought to Noah by a dove? (Genesis 8:11)**



**2. What did Hannah hope and pray for? (1 Samuel 1:11)**



**3. What promise did God make to Abraham? (Genesis 12:1-2; Romans 4:18)**

**4. What three encouraging things are produced by our sufferings? (Romans 5:3-5)**

**5. The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said Jesus would save His people from what? (Matthew 1:21)**

**Answers to the quiz**

- 1. Answer: An olive leaf
- 2. Answer: A son
- 3. Answer: A great nation
- 4. Answer: Perseverance, character and hope
- 5. Answer: Their sins