

Nation Changers

**Four weeks of materials equipping
children to be nation changers**

Love

Spreading God's love where you are.

Heal

Declaring healing for our land

Restore

Releasing Holy Spirit power

Bless

Blessing those in your community

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Nation Changers Love

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Pray this verse from 1 Thessalonians over one another as you prepare to share God's love with your community.

1 Thessalonians 3 v 12 (NCV)

May the Lord make your love grow more and multiply for each other and for all people so that you will love others as we love you.

Sharing God's love with others

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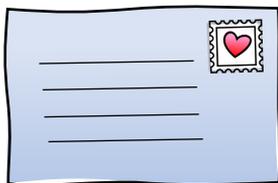
Hearts

Decorate heart shapes with messages of love, laminate them and attach ribbons. Place the messages on a tree, bush or fence and invite people to take one.



Postcards

Spend some time listening to God – ask for words of encouragement and love to share with others. Decorate your postcards with messages and share them with others.



Haribo

Give out small bags of Haribo, use the shapes of the sweets to share a simple message of God's love with others.

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A Bible Passage to explore together

1 John 4 v 7-21

Discussion Starters

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Verse 8 of this passage tells us that God is love, if we are to share the Good News about God and see real change in our Nation we must first learn to love others and share God's love with them.

- Who does this passage say we should love?
- Are there people in the world who you find it difficult to love?
- What can we do to show and share love with others?
- How does God show his love for us?

Children Changing Nations: Our story



We have been given privileged access over a number of years to the Edward the Confessor Chapel and St Margaret's Church at Westminster Abbey, spaces usually reserved for special services and those in government. We have often left postcards with prayers and messages of Hope and Love trusting God to put them into the hands of those who need them most.

Approaching Strangers

In addition to abiding by Social Distancing guidelines children should be reminded of good practice if approaching strangers.

1. Always have an adult you know present and let them know before approaching a stranger.
2. Do not approach as a large group as this can be intimidating instead ask a friend or grown up to join you.
3. If the person you approach is uncomfortable or unwelcoming be respectful and move away. You can always pray for them when you return to your group.



Spreading love with Haribo

The following sweets are found in Haribo's Star Mix multipack. These mini packets are perfect for giving away either with a spoken message of love or a printed message. Below are explanations of how each sweet can share a message from God.



The heart

The heart reminds us of God's love for us and the world. God's love is a bigger than our mistakes, available to everybody and demonstrated through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

I wanted to give you this packet of sweets. The heart inside reminds us that God loves each one of us. I wanted to let you know that God loves you and cares about you.



Cola bottle

The cola bottle reminds us that God is our source of refreshing and living water. When we are weak or tired God gives us the strength we need to keep on going. He is our source of renewal and restoration.

I wanted to give you this packet of sweets. The cola bottle inside reminds us that God is our source of refreshing. I wanted you to know that when you are feeling tired you can pray and ask God for help.



The bear

The bear reminds us that God is our comforter and protector. We can call on God when we are scared or worried. God is always with us, he will never leave us or abandon us.

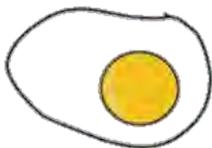
I wanted to give you this packet of sweets. The bear inside reminds us that God is our comfort. I wanted to you to know that if you are feeling scared or worried you can pray and talk to God.



The ring

The ring is a symbol of commitment and promises and reminds us that God always keep his promises. The Bible is full of promises that God has made and reminds us that God never changes, he is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I wanted to give you this packet of sweets. The ring inside reminds us that God is faithful and always keeps His promises. I wanted you to know that you can trust in God, He will always be there for you.



The egg

The egg is a symbol of new life, it also reminds us that God is our provider and gives us the things we need in life.

I wanted to give you this packet of sweets. The egg inside reminds us of new life, that we can always have a fresh start with God. I wanted you to know that God is your provider and gives you the things you need.

These simple messages in the speech bubbles give you an idea of how you might share Haribo and their messages with others.

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In Luke 9 v 6 we see the apostles travelling out into the world as carriers of hope and healing.

Luke 9 v 6 (NCV)

So the apostles went out and travelled through all the towns, preaching the Good News and healing people everywhere.

Remind your group that they are carriers of God's healing power and hope, wherever they go. Why not put star stickers onto the front of their shoes before you head out as a constant reminder that we carry God's glory.



Calling on God to heal our land

Please practice social distancing and adapt these activities in accordance with your local guidance and risk assessments.

Headlines

Place blank paper over the front pages of your local newspapers, then encourage children to write their own prophetic headlines and good news stories, declaring change and healing in your community.



Physical healing

If there are any members of your group who need healing, why not lay hands on them and pray for one another. James 5 v 15 reminds us that "the prayer that is said with faith will make the sick person well."



A Bible Passage to explore together

2 Chronicles 7 v 11-16

Discussion Starters

"Then if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, if they will pray and seek me and stop their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven. I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land."

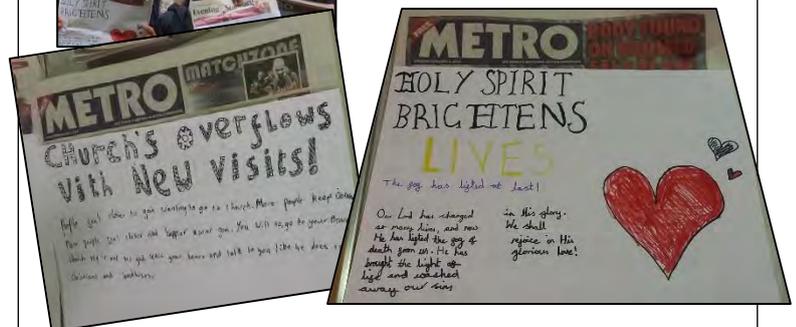
Verse 14 of this passage is a promise that God made to Solomon over 3000 years ago, today people still behave in ways which disappoint and sadden God, but God's promises never change and because of Jesus we can draw close to God wherever we are.

- What are some of the 'evil ways' you can see in the world today?
- What can we do to make a difference in the world?
- What would it look like if our land were healed today?

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In 2019 we stood outside the Houses of Parliament in London and declared our own positive news headlines over our capital and nation.



We believe that we have a God of healing and the power to pray and see physical as well as spiritual healing in our land. We have a wonderful relationship with the Chaplaincy at St Thomas' Hospital in London and have visited over many years, praying for the staff and patients there as well as in the Evelina Children's Hospital.



Prayer for Healing

Four simple steps you can follow when praying for somebody to be healed.



1

In ACTS 28v8 Paul lays his hands on a man who was sick, he laid his hands on him and prayed and the man was healed!

When you are praying for someone ask what they need healing for and if they would mind you laying a hand on them.

Always be gentle, try to pray for a boy if you are a boy and a girl if you are a girl, only lay hands if they are comfortable and it is appropriate.

Be Gentle!

Don't lay hands on Somebody's face!



3

I declare this finger completely healed in Jesus name.

In Isaiah 53 we learn that the "stripes" that wounded Jesus brought us healing. Jesus said that we have power and authority on the earth to pray for healing just like he did.

Pray and declare that the person you are praying for is healed, that all pain and sickness is gone. Remember that God knows exactly what is wrong with them which might sometimes be more than just what you can see.

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You don't need to use too many

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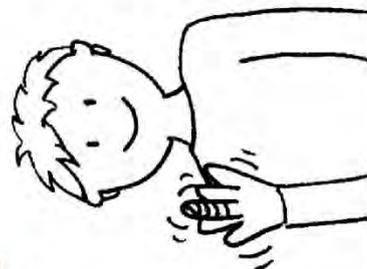
The Holy Spirit is our helper in stepping out in faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit we can see miracles happen.

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to fill the person you are praying for; this does not need to be a complicated prayer. You are just inviting the Holy Spirit to be with you. You could just say:
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"Come Holy Spirit".

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Sometimes the person you are praying for may respond to the Holy Spirit physically by shaking slightly, by crying or laughing or by being very still as they feel peace.

4



Now you have prayed it's also important to take a step of faith and check whether they have been healed. Ask the person you are praying for if they feel any different or if the pain has gone.

If they can do so safely ask them to try to move or use the part of their body which was hurting before.

If they are not healed instantly you can continue to pray, always remember that God's timing is perfect and sometimes we need to pray more than one time before something happens.

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Restore

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Psalm 30 v 5 (NCV)

Crying may last for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.

Come before God in worship together, praise him with songs of thanksgiving. Use your time of worship together to prepare yourself for mission.

Psalm 28 v 7 (NCV)

The Lord is my strength and shield.
I trust him, and he helps me. I am very happy,
and I praise him with my song.

Seeking restoration

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Bubbles

Bubbles are a beautiful symbol of hope and joy. Release them into your community and pray for a release of the Holy Spirit. We can follow Jesus' example and pray "Your Kingdom Come" inviting heaven on earth.

Bubble wands are recommended in the current climate as we recognise that blowing your own bubbles might make those around you uncomfortable.

Chocolate Coins/Chalk blessings

The global pandemic has had a devastating impact on many businesses, why not pray for a restoration of your local businesses. You could deliver chocolate coins as a symbol of renewed prosperity or chalk messages of hope and blessing on the pavement outside closed businesses and shops.



A Bible Passage to explore together

1 Peter 5 v 6-11

Discussion Starters

"And after you suffer for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right. He will make you strong and support you and keep you from falling."

Verse 10 of this passage is a promise that God will bring restoration, where there have been challenges and suffering God will make all things right.

- What does restoration mean to you?
- What are some of the things that have been taken from our world by the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- What would you like to see God bring back to your local community, businesses, churches and schools?

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Whenever we set off on a mission we carry bubbles, we blow them and pray for a release of Holy Spirit. as we invite God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

We have blown bubbles from the top of St Paul's Cathedral, in Parliament Square, Westminster Bridge outside Downing Street and Buckingham Palace.



2011 was a devastating year for the stock market and finances. In 2012 as part of Operation London a group of children laid hands on the outside wall of the London Stock Exchange and prayed for restoration of what had been lost the previous year. They handed out chocolate coins to passers-by letting them know that they were valuable to God.

Nation Changers Bless

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Use the blessing from Numbers 6 to encourage one another as you prepare for mission. Declare and pray it over one another.

Why not provide stickers either blank to be written on or pre-printed with words of encouragement and blessing that children can stick onto one another.

e.g. you are powerful, you are wise, God is your strength, you carry joy, you carry hope.

Carrying a blessing

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Cards

Make and write cards for some of those who bless and serve your community. Why not deliver them by hand to your local hospital, police station or local government building. Pray and declare God's blessing over everybody who works in the building.



Bless a map

Place your hands onto a map of your local area and pray a blessing. You could draw around your handprints and fill them with words of blessing and encouragement from God.

Plan a prayer walk

Plan a prayer walk around your local area, pick key points such as your local police station, schools, churches and hospitals. You could release bubbles as you walk, stop to pray and bless specific buildings or leave chalk messages and hearts on the pavement.



A Bible Passage to explore together

Numbers 6 v 22-27

Discussion Starters

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord show you his kindness and have mercy on you. May the Lord watch over you and give you peace."

This blessing from the Old Testament was a huge encouragement to many when it was sung during 2020, we can share God's blessing and encouragement with others.

- What does it mean to bless something or someone?
- What are some of the good things that God blesses us with every day?
- How can we be a blessing to others in our everyday life?

Children Changing Nations: Our story

Over the last ten years CCN has visited and prayed blessings over churches, hospitals, police stations, government buildings, royal residences, football stadiums and even inside the London Eye and Downing Street.



God has blessed us with privileged access and encouraged us with incredible and miraculous favour. We have been able to pray and declare God's blessing over the seven cultural mountains: Education, Arts & Entertainment, Business, Family, Government, Media and Religion.

