

Christian Union Planning Sheet

Theme / Topic

Why has God allowed the Covid-19 pandemic? – *Part 1 of the 'Hope has a name' 6-part series*

Bible Passage

Psalm 22:1 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish' (New International Version)

Time Allocation

30 minutes

Aim

The young people will have an opportunity to discuss the big question – 'Why had God allowed the Pandemic?'

Introduction

Many of you may have asked this question during the last year as the world has been fighting Covid-19, which might have conjured up many different emotions.

Take a few minutes to write down things that you have lost during this pandemic and how that has made you feel.

Take a few minutes to write down things that have gone well during this pandemic and how that has made you feel.

Group discussion

Spend some time sharing examples of things lost and things that have gone well during the pandemic. Respecting that everyone's experience is unique to them. For example, for some, the loss of school will be a bad thing, for others it may be a good thing!

Teaching

Watch the video 'Vitalise Devotional - Why has God allowed the Covid-19 pandemic?' together.

You can find the video here: https://youtu.be/e_IIZF_K6wY

Application, Reflection and/or Activity

In the Video Darren uses the illustration of a tapestry – if you have a tapestry or piece of sewing available to show it would be helpful for the illustration. Showing how on one side of the tapestry we have the beautiful picture (this is what God sees) and on the other side is the mess of threads (this is what we see).

We have to trust in God that he is working all things together.

Prayer Time

Spend some time praying for each other around the areas of loss during this season, the areas of our lives that feel a mess, for God to help us see that he is working on the bigger picture. Pray that God would help us to place our trust in Him.

Finish your prayer time with prayers of gratitude for the things that have gone well during the pandemic.

Memory Verse

'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.' - Romans 8:28; NIV

Resources

Vitalise Video

Bibles available in case young people would like to look up Bible references

Tapestry (if possible)