

Christian Union Planning Sheet

Theme / Topic

Where is God in the midst of the pandemic? - *Part 2 of the 'Hope has a name' 6-part series*

Bible Passage

Genesis 3:9 'But the LORD God called to the man and said, "Where are you?' (New Century Version)

Time Allocation

30 minutes

Aim

The young people will have opportunity to ask the question - 'where is God in the midst of the pandemic?'

Introduction

Find a wordsearch that will connect with your group, or alternatively create your own. Give the group an allocated amount of time to find the words. You may do this individually, in small groups or collectively.

Ask the group to share how hard it was to find the words?

In order to find the words, you have to search (the clue is in the name!). Sometimes it can be a real struggle to find that last word, and we spend ages searching!

There are so many questions that we may be wrestling with at the moment, perhaps one of them, is 'where is God in the midst of the pandemic?'. Perhaps in the midst of all the emotion of the current situation, you are feeling isolated from God. It can be so easy to feel that God has abandoned us, but perhaps instead, we need to take the time to search Him out.

Teaching

Watch the Vitalise Devotional video 'Where is God in the midst of a pandemic?' together, to hear some thoughts on where we might see God at work, and how we can find Him in the midst of our struggles.

You can find the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fry93FbMp4>

Application, Reflection and/or Activity

As Christians, we are the hands and feet of God, here on earth. I wonder, where have you seen God at work through His people during this pandemic? Take some time to share these with one another and then thank God for the opportunities we have had as His people, to be good news to those around us.

Are there any struggles that are causing you to feel distant from God? Take some time now to bring these situations before God, to invite Him into them and to ask Him to carry you through.

Memory Verse

'I find rest in God; only he gives me hope. He is my rock and my salvation. He is my defender; I will not be defeated.' - Psalm 62:5-6; NCV

Resources

Vitalise Video

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