



Worthing 4 Refugees
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Our vision as a group of churches and people of goodwill is for the Worthing area to be a place of welcome, safety, integration and justice for refugees and displaced peoples.



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For the children

WHAT'S A REFUGEE?

<p>A refugee is a person like you and me...</p> 	<p>who had to flee their country because they were in danger:</p> 	<p>Maybe because their country was at war...</p> 
<p>or because people wanted to hurt them because of their religion or opinions...</p> 	<p>or because there was a natural disaster that destroyed everything.</p> 	<p>Refugees would prefer to go back to their country, with their friends and family...</p> 
<p>But it's too dangerous. Often, their homes are destroyed and they don't have anything left.</p> 	<p>Refugees now have to find another country to live in.</p> 	<p>A country where they would like to live safely and in peace, just like you and me.</p> 



Rainbow of hope

It wasn't long after lockdown started last spring before rainbows starting going up in our neighbours' windows. With a humble piece of paper and some coloured pens, they said "We're here too! We care too!"

A truly Simple Act made us feel more hopeful, and less alone.

This Simple Act invites you to share a message of hope, unity or welcome somewhere the world can see. Why not draw/ paint/ craft/ crochet a 'We Cannot Walk Alone' poster that you can decorate and share?

Stick it in your window or on the walls of your school, workplace or a space used by your community. If you'd like to, take a photo and share on social media using #SimpleActs.

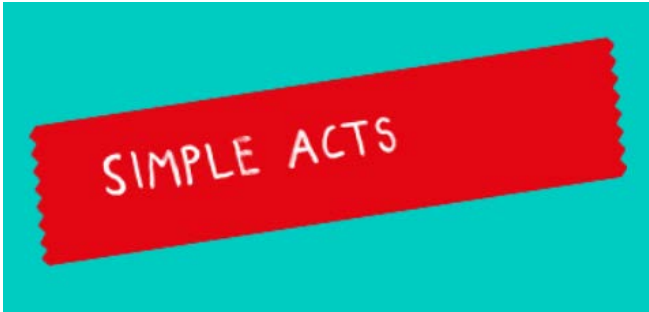
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Simple Acts campaign

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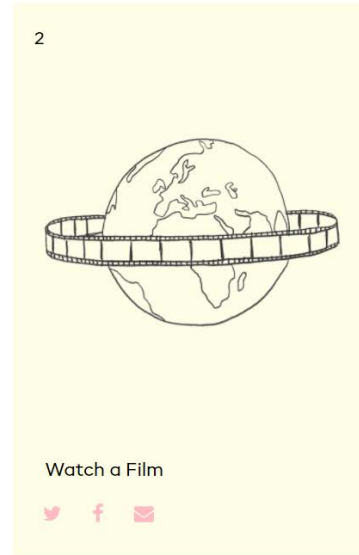
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Simple Acts campaign



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Say it Loud



Play a Game



Walk Together



Join the Movement

There are so many ways we can explore the world and each other's experiences – sometimes without even opening the front door.

This Simple Act is inspired by the many video games that have themes of movement, borders and the search for home.

Three of the games are:

1. *Bury Me, My Love*, where you use text messages to advise your wife Nour as she tries to flee Syria for Europe
2. *Papers, Please*, which puts you in the shoes of a border guard
3. *The Night Fisherman*, where you face a tense encounter in the English Channel – and many more.

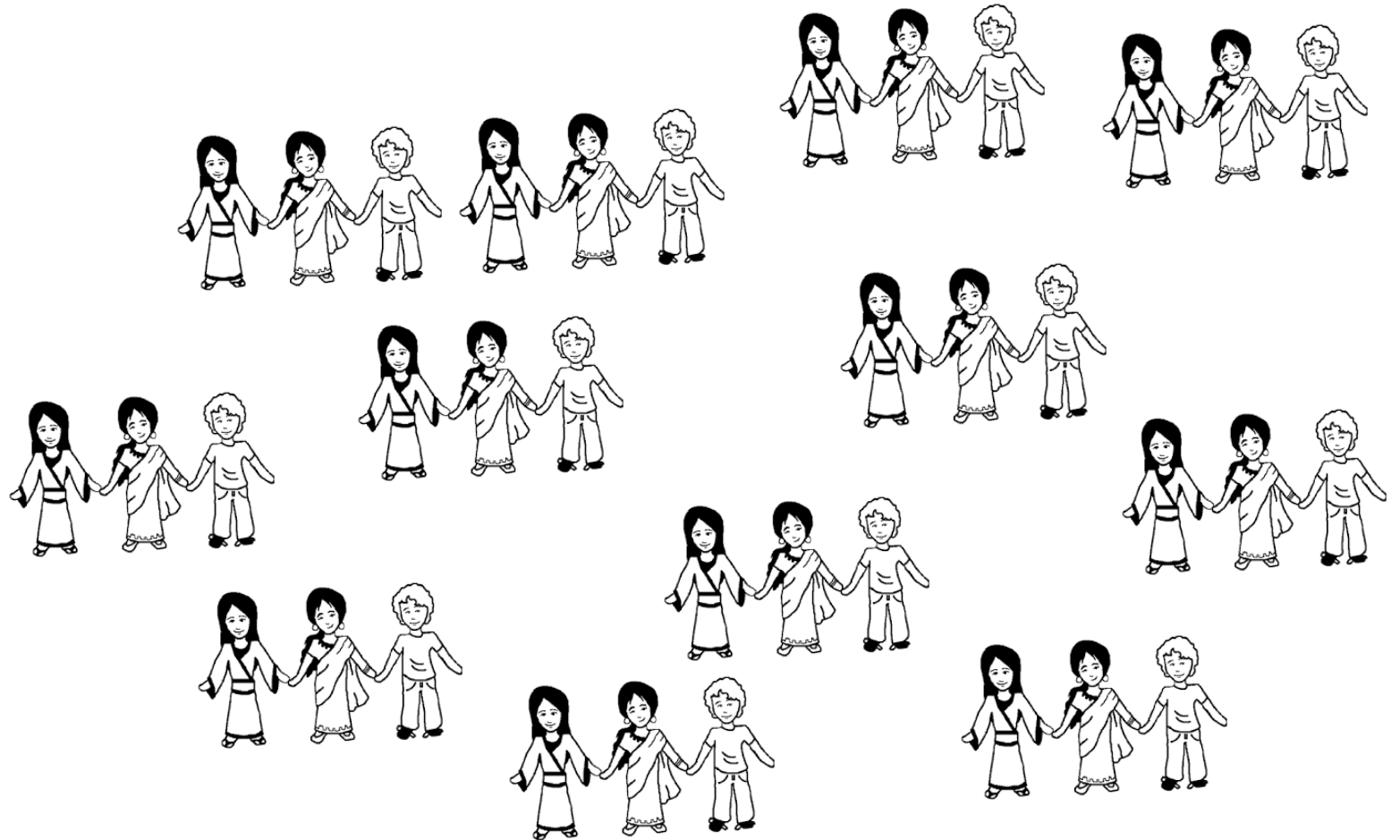


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Video games



- Take time to be quiet
- Draw lines to connect these people
- Discuss who you have connected – and why
- How can you be a connector of people?



Discussion prompts

- Take time to consider these words
- Use these words as a prayer prompt



Wordsearch activity

asylum
 border
 country
 disaster
 family
 fear
 flee
 force
 home
 need
 person
 refugee
 safe
 seeker
 war

P	E	R	S	O	N	W	A	R
H	F	R	E	F	U	G	E	E
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Think about others by watching a film or reading a book



Resources

Films

[Free collection of films](#)

[Refugee Olympic Team](#)

[Sea Sorrow](#)

[An American Tail](#)

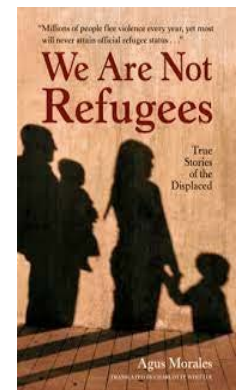
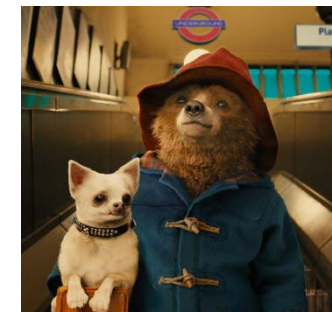


Books

[The History of Paddington Bear: British icon and refugee](#)

[Child refugee stories](#)

[We are Not Refugees](#)



'We cannot walk alone' is the theme of Refugee Week 2021. It coincides with Father's Day June 20th.

Our Heavenly Father speaks to us on this theme:

ECCLESIASTES 4:10

If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble.

Who can you walk with this week?

Psalm 23:4

Even if I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid because you are with me.

Who can you comfort who is afraid?

PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk.

Who can you encourage with a Bible verse?



Bible challenges

'We cannot walk alone' is the theme of Refugee Week 2021.

The Bible talks to us about 'refugees', 'displaced persons' and 'asylum seekers' in terms of 'strangers':



MATTHEW 25:40

For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

LEVITICUS 24:22

You will have the same Law for the stranger and for the one born among you. For I am the Lord your God.

EXODUS 22:21

Do not do wrong to a stranger or make it hard for him. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Refugees and the Bible

[Ask God to show you how you can care for the stranger.](#)

A Prayer for all refugees by Archbishop Justin Welby

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.



Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



A final prayer

Lord, we pray for those who have had to flee home and family, who are fatherless or face challenging situations – for whatever reason. Be their Father, their comfort, their hope and their stability.

Amen