



World Weekend
OF PRAYER
FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

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Small but mighty



Children's and all-age activities

Sunflower growing competition *ideal for 4-8 year-olds*

You will need: Sunflower seeds, pots and compost

Show the children the seeds and ask them what they are. Talk to them about how even the smallest seeds can grow into something beautiful and how the smallest of actions can grow into something big. Ask the children for ideas of something small they could do which would have a big effect on someone else, for example picking some flowers to give to an elderly person or baking some cakes for someone.

Together plant the seeds as a reminder of what can come from something so small. Set a competition as to who can grow the tallest sunflower.

Who's that? *for all the family*

You will need: A copy of the quiz plus instructions and resources, downloadable at <http://bit.ly/WWPwhosthat>

Work in teams to match the famous person to the picture of them as a child. Award a bonus point if they can write down why they are famous and one way they've made the world a better place.

Talk about how valuable children are and how they have the potential now and in the future to change the world.

Team charades *for all the family*

Ask for volunteers to work together to act out these Bible stories without using words. Everyone else has to guess the story. The stories range from easy to difficult. You may want to write a summary of each story beforehand to save time.

Bottom-up top trumps *ideal for 4-10 year-olds*

You will need: A set of Top Trump cards

Play Top Trumps but in reverse, where the weaker card wins. Talk to the children about how God can turn things upside down; what we consider to be weak is strong. Tell the story of Matthew 19:14 and how Jesus says that however others may view children, they are not insignificant. Talk to the children about how, despite their age, God can use and work through them.

Adaptation – you could make your own Top Trumps cards where characters chosen are children. To save time, each child could make 4 cards which they put together with other children's to create a full set.

The Domino effect *ideal for 5-10 year-olds*

You will need: Dominoes - the more the better!

Work with the children to make a dominoes run. Ask them:

- What would happen if they knocked one down?
- Does it matter how hard you push the first domino?

Use the example of dominoes to talk to the children about how the smallest movement can create a big effect. With just the smallest prod, a domino can fall and make all the others following it fall too. Talk to the children about how even though they might think of themselves as small, they too are able to do things which have a big effect.

- 1 Samuel 17 - David and Goliath
- John 6 - Feeding the 5,000
- 1 Samuel 3 - God calls Samuel
- 2 Kings 22 - Josiah restores the law to Israel
- 2 Kings 5:1-6 - Naaman's servant girl

Once all the stories have been guessed, ask what they have in common – they are all about children who God used to do amazing things. Talk about how God uses children to bring about his purposes.