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Thank you for choosing Change Agents Curriculum: a Bible Study for Preteens. We are excited that you are safeguarding your children against modern-day slavery.

This curriculum has been developed with three goals:

1. To educate children and families about the issue of human trafficking
2. To prevent children from becoming victims
3. To empower children and their families to make a difference

This curriculum is geared for children 8-13 years of age. You may choose to use it during a Sunday program, a class course, a weekly Bible study, or even a family program. As shown in the topic outline below, the first four lessons focus on general human trafficking and labor trafficking. There is no mention of sex trafficking during these lessons. The last three lessons cover sex trafficking. These lessons guide church leaders to instill God's truth of self-worth and love for children, which will help build a foundation of healthy relationships.

Discussing human trafficking is a heavy issue for young children, but traffickers target children under the age of 14, and we believe waiting until they are older is too dangerous. You might be thinking terms such as "sex", "prostitute", and "pimp" are inappropriate, but they are crucial terms in educating children on this topic. Due to the sensitive nature of this curriculum, we advise churches to put out a notice or receive parental consent before teaching lessons 5-7.

Here is what you will find in the Change Agents Curriculum:

The Lesson Plan for each unit is customizable and lasts approximately 75 minutes. Each lesson focuses on a different Bible story and connects that story to human trafficking today. Lessons discuss facts about human trafficking and acquaint children with biblical values and beliefs that can help protect them and others from becoming victims. In each lesson you will find an application activity labeled "Change Agents Challenge". These are important activities that should be given priority when planning your lesson. In each lesson you will find the following:

1. Leader Prep.
2. Intro Activity (10-15 min.)
3. Bible Story (25-30 min.)
4. Application Activities (25-35 min.)
5. Family Take-Home

Each week's lesson is accompanied by Change Agents PowerPoint slides, which will include the memory verse, as well as the activity pages that will provide all the handouts needed for activities. The activity pages will give the leader instructions on how many pages to print per activity (e.g. one per class or one per child) and how to prepare the handout.

The Leader Prep material is designed for teachers to use in their lesson preparation. It provides teachers with information about human trafficking and the Bible story. It is designed to help teachers personally encounter the Scripture before teaching it to their classes.

The Leader Human Trafficking Guide gives leaders a basic overview of what human trafficking is so that they are knowledgeable when students ask. It is just a brief overview, but it should get them started on the right foot.

The Glossary of Terms gives leaders the definition of human trafficking and related terms in words your students can understand.

The Appropriate Conversations section will give leaders rules and tips for keeping the conversation appropriate.

The Parental Consent document will give church leaders an example of what they may want to provide to parents and guardians before teaching lessons 5-7. Each church should consult their legal team before providing this consent.

The Family Take-Home is a weekly guide for parents and children to go over together. Parents need to be the spiritual champions of their children, and this guide equips them to dialogue about each week's lesson. No one is better equipped to keep a child safe than his/her parents. If you have an email list of parents in your group you may also want to send out electronic versions of these guides weekly.

The Change Agent Action Kit is a way to promote what a child's next steps can be in taking action to stand up and fight against the evil of human trafficking. Consider doing an awards ceremony for the children who completed all 7 lessons and encourage them to become Change Agents by ordering the Action Kit online. More information about the Change Agent Action Kit can be found in the back of this booklet and online at www.faastinternational.org.

Once again, we thank you for using this curriculum to help young people in your community.

7 Week Curriculum Overview

Topic	Big Idea	Bible Story	C.A. Challenge	Responses	Family
God's Heart for Justice	God's love is huge	The Paralyzed Man Luke 5:17-26 Memory Verse: Eph 1:4-5	Heart Switch	How can you see people as God sees them?	Empowering our children, encouraging their strengths
Human Trafficking	God has big plans for me	Joseph Genesis 37, 39-45 Memory Verse: Jer 29:11	Case studies & recruiting techniques	I can do what's right in tough situations	Doing what's right even in hard situations
Labor Trafficking	God gives me freedom	Israelites in Egypt Exodus 1 Memory Verse: Exodus 3:12	Identify victims	I can help end slavery (Local)	Community Prayer
Labor Trafficking	God meets my needs	Elisha Helps a Widow 2 Kings 4:1-7 Memory Verse: Matt 6:31-33	Fair Trade demonstration & slave free presentation	What I buy can make a difference (Global)	List Fair Trade and Slave-Free options
Sex Trafficking	God is my rescuer	Abram and Sarai Genesis 12:10-20 Memory Verse: Eph. 4:22-25	Girls vs. boys & Lying	I can speak truth	Talk about sexual harassment and abuse
Sex Trafficking	God gives me wisdom	Daniel Daniel 1, 6 Memory Verse: Prov 12:26	Role play & Three Corners	I can make safe friends	Online safety & parent note on pornography
Sex Trafficking	God redeems	Woman at the Well John 4:1-42 Memory Verse: 2 Cor. 5:17	Words that build up	I can help God change the world	Words that build up: What's your part?