

# God Chose YOU to Be His Temple

## Homelessness and Refugees

Study Bible stories that address today's life topics. Reflect on how God cares for His people. (Ruth was a refugee; Noah, Abraham, and Sarah all experienced homelessness.)

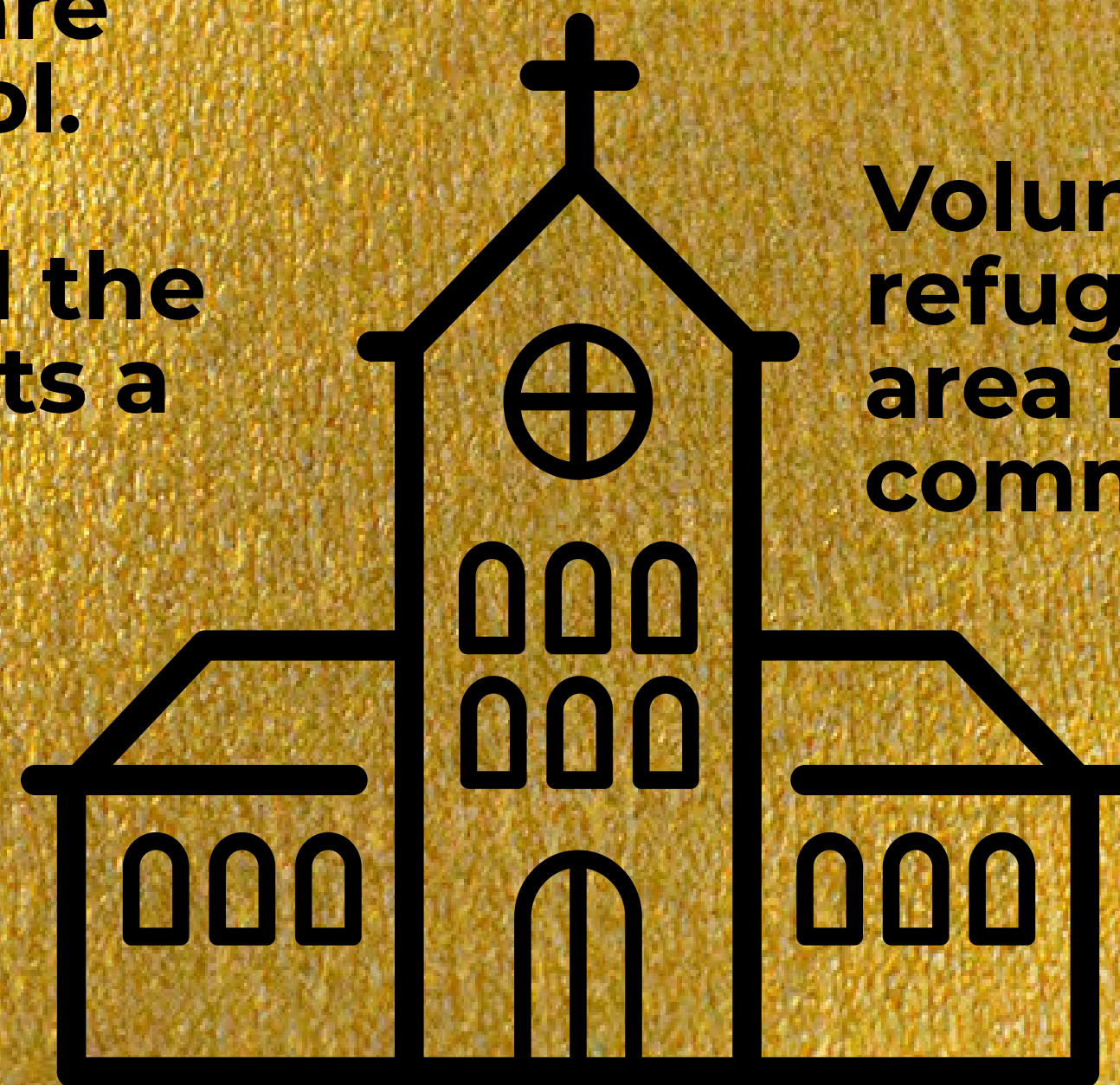
Sponsor a collection for homeless kits and donate them to a homeless shelter.

Provide backpacks to each classroom and have each grade fill it with items that are needed for school. Make it a competition, and the winning class gets a pizza party!

Pray for refugees and the homeless.

Volunteer at a local collection site for Orphan Grain Train.

Volunteer at a refugee service area in your community.



Set up a panel discussion on the dignity of human life across multiple areas of need. For example, ask a person who works with the homeless to discuss how he/she upholds life and confesses that every life is valuable.

Volunteer at a pro-life ministry in your community that serves shut-ins, refugees, immigrants, or the homeless.

At your church or school, create a Helping Hands fund or Caring Corner where food, hygiene items, coats, and clothing can be donated for needy families.

Create a food drive that ties in with the price of admission for a basketball game. Donate items to a local food pantry.

Sponsor a supper before a ball game, and use the funds to purchase items to donate to a shelter.

Serve at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter.



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## Human Trafficking

Write notes of thanks and encouragement to those who work in human trafficking organizations.

Make signs about human trafficking and post them in bathroom stalls. Include phone numbers for help.

Speak with youth about how to maintain a safe social media presence.

Watch out for friends or other youth, especially those who are vulnerable, who develop relationships with much older men or women.

Pray for those experiencing human trafficking.

Invite a guest speaker to talk about how to spot groomers, avoid online sex trafficking, and how to respond to requests for inappropriate pics and sexting.

Get training on how to spot human trafficking from organizations like Hope for Justice.

Make and post infographics that include warning signs of unhealthy relationships.

Contact a human trafficking organization in your area and inquire about how you can serve.

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## Pornography

Share facts about the effects of pornography on relationships.

Affirm that pornography is a forgivable sin.

Discuss how to maintain a safe social media presence with youth. Invite a speaker to address online predators, sex trafficking, and sexting.

Recognize pornography is an addiction, and those suffering need support.

Celebrate and promote clean movies; avoid those that depict sexual acts.

For those struggling with pornography, consider accountability measures on computers, phones, and other devices.

Recognize that pornography is an isolating sin, and that it needs to be addressed publicly.

Connect individuals suffering from pornography addiction and their families with counseling services as needed.

Affirm that sexuality is a gift that is meant to affirm life, bring joy within marriage, and should be guarded through chaste attire and living.

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## Self-harm



**Intercede on behalf of someone who is engaging in self-harm and attend counseling appointments with them.**



**Check in with and support someone exhibiting self-harm.**



**Develop a handout to teach healthy ways of coping other than self-harm.**



**invite a Gospel-motivated speaker to address self-harm in schools and churches.**



**Support those who have long-term effects from self-harm through medical care, befriending, social support systems, and prayer.**



**Wear a ring on a finger or another item of jewelry as a reminder not to participate in self-harm.**



**Share Bible verses like Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 139 which affirm identity.**



**Call Word of Hope for intervention:  
888-217-8679**



**Pray for those who are harming themselves.**



**Celebrate days without cutting by placing a bead on a bracelet.**

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## Sexuality, Dating, and Abstinence vs. Promiscuity

★ Invite youth to hear a speaker on purity and the benefits of abstinence. Follow up with a Bible study on the gift of marriage and the oneness God provides in marriage.

★ Know what real love looks like. Study 1 Corinthians 13 and rejoice in the opportunities you have to love and be loved by others.

★ Pray for chastity before marriage and within it. Ask God to protect and uphold all marriages.

★ Help children understand the gift of gender by extolling the unique and important roles God assigns to males and females.

★ Using Titus 2 and the table of duties in Luther's Small Catechism, discover what manhood and womanhood looks like and how these roles are different, complementary, and necessary for life.

★ When dating, do so for marriage. Only date individuals who are practicing Christians, who are committed to celibacy, and who exhibit the qualities God desires in a spouse.

★ "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

★ Attend a Bible study on Genesis 1-3 or read LFL's "Biblical Manhood" and "Christian Life for Christian Women" publications to find out more about God's divine order and gift of gender.

★ Protect yourself and your future spouse by refraining from activities that lead to intercourse before marriage. Focus on group dates, set boundaries, and set accountability measures like not being in a room alone, staying upright, and keeping clothing on.

★ Rejoice in the gift of sexuality, and recognize that it is just one aspect of the complex individual God has woven together. Our sexuality does not define us or our worth - our identity and value reside in Christ.



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