



Kids2Kids Current Affairs Project
Modern Day Slavery
(or Human Trafficking)

Question?:

How would you feel if you **weren't allowed** to go to school?

At first you might say...



But think about it a little further...

What if...

Instead of going to school you had to work all day, from **sunup to sundown**. You couldn't play with friends, read your favorite book, or give your teacher a hug. You couldn't learn how to read or write (This means no reading comic books or texting friends...yep, think about it) and you wouldn't have a chance to have recess, play sports, or play an instrument.





There are some children in our world that are not allowed to go to school. In fact, they **DO** have to work **ALL** day. Some pick coffee beans, others make cocoa for the chocolate that we eat, others have to make rugs all day long, and other children have to do things for adults that make the children feel uncomfortable.

FYI (For Your Information)

This is where  chocolate comes from: Beans! Children pick the beans all day long. See the activity below to see where you can get **FAIR TRADE** chocolate.



The children are not given a choice about the work they have to do. Their human rights are being **VIOLATED**. This means they do not have the safety, food, shelter, and education that **ALL** people have a right to have.



Here is what you can do to make a difference in the lives of these children and for their stories to make a difference in your life...

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PRAY

- ...on your own
- ...with friends
- ...with adults
- ...with your church



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Chocolate companies like Hershey's and Nestle have been working hard to make sure they are aware of where their chocolate is grown. But they still have A LOT of work to do. Chocolate companies are still buying the chocolate beans from people who use children as slaves. **You can help by...**

1) Looking for one of the labels you see below. If these are on the chocolate bar it means no slaves were used to gather the beans. It's called Fair Trade.



2) Writing the chocolate companies and encouraging them to keep working on ending child slavery in the chocolate fields.

- **The Hershey Company**, 100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, PA 17033
- **Nestle Company**, 800 North Brand Boulevard Floor 16 Glendale, CA 91203
- **M&M (Mars)** 800 High St Hackettstown, NJ 07840

3) Dress up as a Fair Trade chocolate bar for Halloween and teach people about how to look for Fair Trade chocolate when they shop. **Don't eat any chocolate from your Halloween bag that does not have the Fair Trade symbol.** (Ask your friends to join you...it will help!)

4) Challenging yourself, friends, and people from your church to **stop eating chocolate** for a day, a week, a month a year! And tell people why!



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KNOW EVERYONE'S BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS

Read the flyer on the right. Talk with your parents or adults at church about these rights.

- How have you experienced these rights?
- Have you ever had these rights taken away?
- Do you know others whose rights have been taken away?
- What do you think you can do to help that?

Another place you can read rights that are specifically for children is here:

www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/humanrights/resources/plain.asp

The Universal Declaration of HUMAN RIGHTS

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948, the Universal Declaration states basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled.

WE ARE ALL BORN FREE AND EQUAL
EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THESE RIGHTS
 NO MATTER YOUR RACE, RELIGION OR NATIONALITY

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, FREEDOM AND SAFETY

You have the responsibility to respect the rights of others
NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY ANY OF YOUR RIGHTS

No one has the right to hold you in slavery.

You have the right to own property.

Everyone has the right to belong to a religion.

No one has the right to torture you.

Freedom of Expression: You have the right to free thought and to voice your opinions to others.

You have the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

We are all equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law.

Everyone has the right to gather as a peaceful assembly.

You have the right to seek legal help if your rights are violated.

You have the right to help choose and to take part in governing your country, directly or through chosen representatives.

No one has the right to wrongly imprison you or force you to leave your country.

You have the right to a fair and public trial.

Everyone is innocent until PROVEN guilty.

You have the right to privacy. No one can interfere with your reputation, family, home or correspondence.

Workers' rights: Every adult has the right to a job, a fair wage and to join a trade union.

You can travel wherever you want.

You have the right to leisure and rest from work.

You have the right to seek asylum in another country if you are being persecuted in your own country.

Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their family.

Everyone has the right to education.

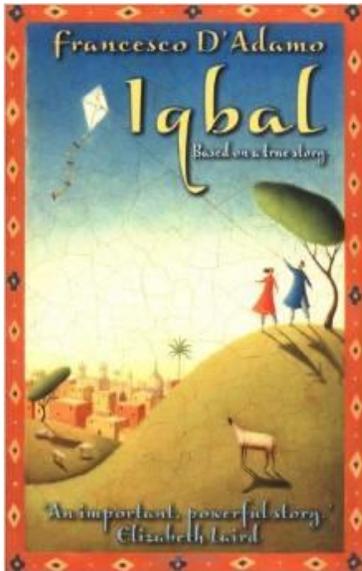
Everyone has the right to a nationality.

Your intellectual property as an artist or scientist should be protected.

All adults have the right to marriage and to raise a family.

We are all entitled to social order so we can enjoy these rights.

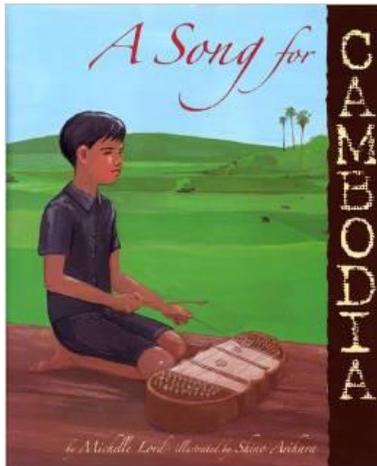
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Iqbal

by Francesco D'Adamo

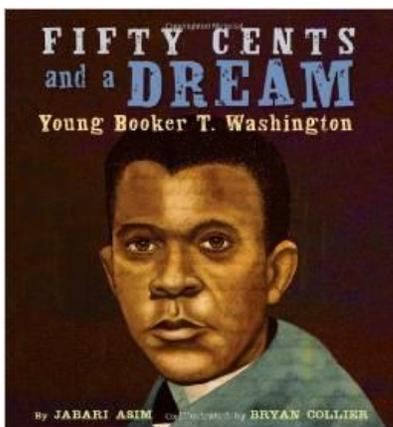
When young Iqbal is sold into slavery at a carpet factory, his arrival changes everything for the other overworked and abused children there. Iqbal inspires the other children to look to a future free from toil...and is brave enough to show them how to get there.



A Song for Cambodia

by Michelle Lord

The inspirational true story of Arn Chorn-Pond who was forced to work in the rice fields. His heartfelt music created beauty in a time of darkness and turned tragedy into healing.



Fifty Cents and a Dream

by Jabari Asim

Born into slavery, young Booker T. Washington could only dream of learning to read and write. After emancipation, Booker began a five-hundred-mile journey, mostly on foot, to Hampton Institute, taking his first of many steps towards a college degree. When he arrived, he had just fifty cents in his pocket and a dream about to come true. The young slave who once waited outside of the schoolhouse would one day become a legendary educator of freedmen.

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READ

Learn about other's stories.

- How are they like your story?
- How are they different?
- Where do you see God in these stories?
- Ask your pastor to read them with you and your friends as a bible study. Are there any stories in the Bible these remind you of?
- You can get these books from the public library or check them out at your school library.

WRITE TO COMPANIES

at Chainstore Reaction
www.chainstorereaction.com

Go to the link above and start sending letters!

The letters ask companies to make sure the products they are using are Slave Free.

The more we, as the people who buy things from companies, say what we do not accept, the more the companies will change their actions and policies!

You can challenge your friends or church members to write one letter every day.

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FUNDRAISE!!!

There are many organizations already helping to end Modern Day Slavery. You can help them by having a fundraiser and sending them the money you raise.



Here are a few wonderful organizations

<http://globalministries.org/give/global-ministries-projects.html>

www.freethechildren.com

(This organization was started by a sixth grader. So cool.)

www.stopthetraffik.org

For fundraising ideas go here:

www.better-fundraising-ideas.com/fundraising-ideas-for-kids.html

www.signupgenius.com/nonprofit/50-creative-and-easy-fundraising-ideas.cfm

Or make up your own!

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MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- **Refugee Resettlement**
www.exodusrefugee.org/getinvolved.html
- **Get Informed: What Are Other People Doing?**
<http://richmondconfidential.org/2014/01/17/fifth-grade-class-combats-child-labor>
www.netsmartzkids.org
www.nsteens.org