

## YOUTH SESSION

### Themes of session:

- We will consider the **big theme** of the effect of sin and injustice on ecosystems and people across the world, along with the hope God gives us
- We will apply these themes to the **specific example** of Climate Change and the 'Talents of Hope' appeal in Zimbabwe

### Bible meditation

Watch 'The Bible Project: Genesis' video

Ask the group to find and read out these verses (can do this as a race!):



Find the Bible Project video link: [here](#) (or find 'The Main Message of the Book of Genesis - Part 1' on Youtube)

- Genesis 1: 26-31 , Psalm 65:9-10
- Genesis 3:1-19 , Jeremiah 23:10

Consider how we see the themes of God's love for the world in the video and in these verses, and how he created it perfectly. Also how humanity has so often chosen sin and injustice, and this affects our whole world: 'the land' and ecosystems, as well as people.

Ask group to write down or name some of the sin / injustices we see in the world, how we see the effect on ecosystems, and how this in turn affects people / communities.

## TALENTS OF HOPE

### 'Talents of Hope' PowerPoint

Explore how Climate Change has severely impacted communities in Zimbabwe (look at slide 1-4, also use appeal Information Sheet for more).

Ask group to find and read out these verses:

- Isaiah 43:18-19
- Isaiah 58:6-9

Consider: As hard as these problems in Zimbabwe and in our world are, we have a God who promises to restore and deal with sin / injustice and its effect on creation, and calls us to follow Him and join in with His healing work. These verses show we can only do this through His help, and His strength working in us!



Appeal page and Powerpoint resource: [here](#) (or find 'Appeals' > 'Talents of Hope' on buw.wales)

Ask group to think about ways we can respond personally.

(e.g ask God's forgiveness for the ways we have partnered with sin / injustice in the world, act to reduce our own impact on the environment, intercede for places like Zimbabwe, support groups who are taking God's love and help to places affected by Climate Change)

Explore how Christian Aid is responding and joining in with God's call in Isaiah 58:7. (e.g they are equipping those facing hunger with knowledge on how to grow crops more effectively in the face of drought).

Introduce BRAC Project and case studies (see slide 5-12, can also use appeal Information Sheet for details of stories for women pictured).

# Youth Activity Sheet

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Brainstorm ways you can make a difference as a group by fundraising for Talents of Hope...

Host a **'Zimbabwean feast'** night

- Choose 1/2 dishes (see recipe ideas)
- Delegate jobs (e.g bringing ingredients, cooking, setting up, waiting, washing up) [dependent on risk assessments etc]
- Come up with a date and location
- Create invitations
- Have a Talents of Hope presentation ready
- Hold as 'pay-as-you-feel'
- Cook, eat, enjoy, have fun!

Do a **'sponsored fast'** together

- Eat simple foods for 24-48 hours (only beans, rice, salt)
- Do a 'social media' fast for 24-48 hours

## WORSHIP



- Spend time in prayer.
- Write down **thoughts / emotions** in response to the situation in Zimbabwe or wider themes.
- Ask **God to speak** into those things.
- Listen to worship songs while praying / reflecting / writing down responses.
- Pray together for Zimbabwe and the work of Christian Aid and BRACK.

## GAME IDEA

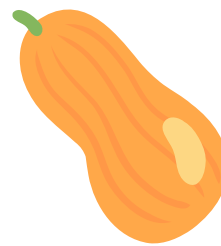
Play the **'raft game'** (online instructions [here](#)). Think about what it is like to experience extreme weather such as floods (an effect of Climate Change in Zimbabwe).

Ask group to **imagine** challenges of living in a drought. Opposite problem to flooding. Consider effect on crops / livelihoods in places like Zimbabwe.

## ZIMBABWEAN RECIPES

### Mabhonzo Emombe

Find recipe [here](#)



(veg. version: beans)

### Nhopi

Find recipe [here](#)



### Sadza

Find recipe [here](#)

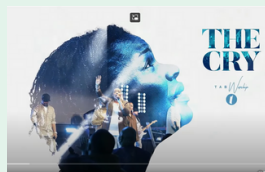
Do a **'gardening challenge:'**

- Clear gardens / weed / plant
- Ask for donations for work done

FUNDRAISING PAGE: [HERE](#)

## SONGS (+ links)

'Graves into Gardens' by Elevation Music ([here](#)) is a song of **hope** pointing to how God can transform every situation, even turning graves (lifeless, hopeless places) **into gardens!**



'The Cry' by Tab Worship ([here](#)) points to God as the only One who can heal and **restore people / lands**. Use as a prayer for Zimbabwe.