

## Religious Education Activities

For these activities you will need: a pencil or pen, some crayons (optional) and some paper.

Note: if there is a word which is written in blue and underlined, it means you can click it and it will take you to a website.

L.O: I can explore the challenges homeless people face and consider how these impact on their hopes for the future."

### Prepare for Learning

Draw a picture or write sentences to answer these questions.

- ) What hopes do you have for the future?
- ) What do you want to do?
- ) Where do you want to visit?
- ) What do you want to achieve?
- ) Are your hopes certain? Yes/No why?

Click [here](#) to watch a video about life for a homeless person.

Click [here](#) to access a dictionary if there are any words you do not understand in this activity.

After watching the video clip, note down:

1. The challenges homeless people face?
2. Consider how YOUR hopes for the future might be affected if YOU were to become homeless?

Click the [blue](#) words below to learn more about life for a homeless person.

[Issues](#) of homelessness, [Top](#) ten health issues for the homeless.

You can also read a simplified handout on the next page.

## Main activity

Create a poster presentation that highlights the challenges homeless people face?

Here are some subheadings could you use: Hunger, Loneliness, Harsh weather conditions, Health issues . Can you think of any others?

*Ask an adult to share your work on the Thornton Twitter feed!*

### SUCCESS FOR A POSTER:

- 1- **Eye catching:** Pull target audience in
- 2- **Informing:** Telling audience what it's about
- 3 – **Action:** Persuading reader to take action

## Further information

People who are homeless face many difficulties, emotional and physical that make it even more difficult for them to get back on their feet. Some of the challenges faced by homeless people are:

### Food and Shelter Insecurity

Those who are homeless do not have a place to call home. This can include those people who are spending their nights in homeless shelters, the streets, abandoned buildings, or even on the couch at a friend or family member's home.

The lack of shelter, coupled with food insecurity (not knowing where the next meal is coming from), only makes it more difficult for those experiencing homelessness to get back on their feet.

### Income Insecurity

Many people who are homeless do have some sort of income. However, their income might come infrequently, adding to the stress of living on the street. This situation also makes it more difficult to save money to find an apartment or home to rent.

### Healthcare Insecurity

Many people who are homeless do not have a regular income, so healthcare is more difficult to obtain. That means that seeing a doctor, going to a dentist or getting necessary medical treatment is often too expensive. The lack of medical attention that those experiencing homelessness receive adds to the potential for increased levels of disease and health complications.

### Basic Need Insecurity

Experiencing homelessness, whether it is on a one-time or chronic basis, can leave basic needs ignored. Warmth, dry clothes, water and food are never guaranteed each day. Without basic human needs being met, those experiencing homelessness might find their situation more difficult to overcome.