

# Activities for

# YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

The suggestions below contain ideas for various age-groups. Please select and use whichever are appropriate.

Many Christian children and young people around the world face great pressure and even persecution because they love and follow Jesus Christ. Some are failed in their exams because they are Christians, some go hungry, some lose their homes, some suffer violence. They may be hated, despised and attacked, but they are not ashamed of belonging to Jesus.

You can stand with persecuted Christians this Suffering Church Action Week, to support them and show that you too are not ashamed to be a Christian, using the hashtag #IAmNotAshamedOfChrist

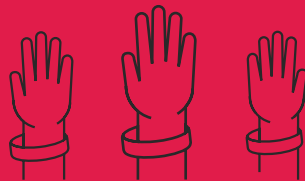
## HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



Change your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram profile picture to the Not Ashamed logo, then fast from social media to spend time praying for Christians facing persecution.

When you change your profile picture, let your followers know why and explain the reason for your fast.

You can download your profile picture and find out more information at [www.barnabasfund.org/scaw](http://www.barnabasfund.org/scaw)



Wearing an I Am Not Ashamed wristband for the week, to show your solidarity with believers who are not allowed to display their faith publicly, are discriminated against, or violently attacked.

Go to the SCAW website [www.barnabasfund.org/scaw#wristbands](http://www.barnabasfund.org/scaw#wristbands) for inspiration for how to make your own wristband or to order a ready-made silicone wristband.



Helping to raise funds by organising a team sports match with your church youth group – each team member could pay a small amount to play, with proceeds given to Barnabas Fund to help persecuted young Christians. Why not join with another local church and invite friends to come and play or watch, so they know you are Not Ashamed to help Christians who are just like you, but who face persecution?

### TO HELP YOU PRAY



You can use the *Barnabas Prayer* leaflet – enclosed in this magazine and available online [bit.ly/PrayerS017](http://bit.ly/PrayerS017) – to guide you or your youth group as you pray.

Look in *Barnabas Prayer* at the items for 1, 4, 11, 23, 25, 29, 30 September and 9, 11, 17, 27 October for prayers that specifically relate to young people and children.

ALSO REMEMBER Saturday, 4 November is the Barnabas Fund International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.\*

### YOU COULD RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ABBA GIRLS' HOME, PAKISTAN

The Abba Home is a safe haven for 31 young orphaned Christian girls, who all come from poor backgrounds. As Christians and girls, they are despised by the majority of society, but at the Abba Home they are able to grow up and learn in a loving, family-centred, Christian environment.

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The Abba Home is a place of laughter and new life for 31 orphaned Christian girls

\*There are lots of other prayer resources available. Order a free SCAW inspiration Resource Pack to receive a guide to help you pray through the day on 4 November (and through the night too as well, if you choose). It also contains a 2017 Prayer Booklet with useful information and prayer aids for Christians suffering in different countries.