

Scavenger Hunt

Key stage 3



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Introduction

This Scavenger Hunt is designed to teach young people about the work of the Catholic Children's Society (CCS). On their hunt, they will learn about different CCS services: the Family Centres, ConnectEd Counselling & Therapy Services and the Crisis Fund. They will also look at ways they can help local vulnerable children and families by fundraising for CCS.

The CCS Scavenger Hunt is easy to adapt to your surroundings. You could set up the hunt around different locations in a school or parish, somewhere outdoors or just in one space. If possible hide the activity sheets and items. We recommend groups of up to 10 young people. If you are working with a larger group, you could ask different groups to start at different stops on the circuit. If you would like to use the props below, please contact kimberleyt@cathchild.org.uk to receive the free toy bus, crafts and collection box.



Preparation

Place the following items at each stop:

Stop 1: Stop 1 activity sheet

Stop 2: Stop 2 activity sheet (print pp.3-4 double-sided)

Stop 3: Stop 3 activity sheet, empty baked bean can and pp.6- 19 budgeting pack

Stop 4: Stop 4 activity sheet

Stop 5: Stop 5 activity sheet

Stop 6: Stop 6 activity sheet and crafts to make musical instruments

Stop 7: Stop 7 activity sheet and collection box

Stop 8: Stop 8 activity sheet and toy bus



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Instructions-

Read the information about each child or young person living locally.

Discuss- Which of these children and young people live in poverty?

Olivia

Olivia is 11 years old. She sleeps on the floor because her family cannot afford a bed or mattress. Olivia's family have no money for bedding so she uses her old coat to keep her warm at night.



Ben

Ben is 8 years old. His parents got divorced last year. Ben lives with his mum and doesn't see his dad anymore. When they split up they had to sell their house and his mum could not afford to stay in the same town. Ben had to move school and now lives with his mum in a one bed flat. He feels angry about how his life has changed and lashes out at his mum.



Leon

Leon is 4 years old and lives in Poplar with his mum and baby sister. They moved to the area from Luton three months ago and they do not know anyone. Leon's family live in a small bedsit and share a kitchen. He loves to play and read books but Leon's mum does not have enough money to buy any. The bedsit is too small for the children to play in and there are no safe outdoor spaces for them to go to.



Amira

Amira is 15 years old and used to live with her dad and brothers who are 19 and 12. Last year their dad was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Amira's dad died last month. The children have no other family so Amira's older brother postponed his studies at University to look after his brother and sister. The family have no where to live and no money for their dad's funeral.

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All of the children and young people at Stop 1 are living in poverty. There are different types of poverty- material, spiritual, and emotional. The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) works to help children and young people experiencing different types of poverty.

Discuss- which CCS services would you recommend for Olivia, Ben, Leon and Amira? (The information about each person is on the back of this sheet)



St Francis Family Centre in Poplar and St Mark's Stay & Play in North Kensington are safe, welcoming spaces for children from 0-5 years old to come along with their parent or carer. St Francis Family Centre has a nursery, after-school club, toy library, organises parent talks and workshops, summer holidays and trips. At Christmas, CCS holds Christmas parties for the children at Stay & Play and St Francis. Struggling families are given gifts, food hampers and other essentials to help them over the holidays.



Rainbows is a bereavement service for children and young people going through loss in their lives. This might be the death of a family member, long-term illness of a loved one, a family divorce or separation.



ConnectEd is the name of the CCS school counselling and therapy service. Our counsellors and therapists work in over 70 schools, helping children and young people who have, or are at risk of, developing mental health problems.



The Crisis Fund provides emergency help for families facing a crisis in their lives. Headteachers fill out a simple application form stating the situation and needs of the family; CCS aim to respond within 24 hours. The Crisis Fund can be used to buy families beds, food, essential clothing etc.

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Reminder

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Instructions- Read Holly's story:

Holly is a 23 year old single mum of two children, a three year old boy and a girl who is six months old. The family have visited the Catholic Children's Society's St Francis Family Centre for the past year. Five months ago the staff at St Francis noticed that Holly had drastically lost weight. After speaking with her they discovered that she hadn't been eating enough. The family were surviving on just a half a can of beans and a slice of toast each day. Staff at St Francis were able to help Holly's family by giving them food and warm clothes that had been donated to the centre. Holly also attended workshops at St Francis to help her with important life-skills like budgeting.

Thankfully, Holly's situation was only temporary. She got a job as a Receptionist and is now able to support her family.

Imagine you are a worker at the centre. You need to use the pack attached to help Holly balance her monthly budget and decide:

- Where she will live
- Which items of furniture she will need
- How she will get to work
- Which bills she will need to pay

Write down the monthly costs below:

Home- Which home will you rent? How much will this cost per month?	
Money left:	
Household items- Which household items will you need? How much will these items cost per month?	
Money left:	
Travel- What type of transport will you use? How much will this cost?	
Money left:	
Bills- Which bills will you pay? How much will this cost?	
Money left:	

What other costs will you need to include? What unexpected costs could arise?

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Holly's income from her salary and benefits is £2,098 per month

HOMES



Home A
Two bed
unfurnished flat
£1473 per month



Home B
Two bed
unfurnished flat
£1600 per month



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Home C
Three bed
unfurnished flat
£1800 per month



Home D
Two bed
unfurnished flat
£2250 per month



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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**Sofa and armchair
(second-hand)**
Free £50 to collect
Cost per month= £4.59
(10% APR)



**Sofa and armchair
(new)**
Argos £300 including
delivery
Cost per month= £27.50
(10% APR)

**Sofa and armchair
(new)**
SCS £975 including
delivery
Cost per month= £89.38
(10% APR)



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**Table and chairs
(second-hand)**
Free £50 to collect
Cost per month=£4.59
(10% APR)



Table and chairs (new)
Argos £100 including
delivery
Cost per month=£9.17
(10% APR)



Table and chairs (new)
Furniture Village £995
including delivery
Cost per month=£91.21
(10%APR)



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**Double bed
(second-hand)**
Free £50 to collect
Cost per month=£4.59
(10% APR)



Double bed (new)
Argos £220 including
delivery
Cost per month= £20.17
(10% APR)

Double bed (new)
Furniture Village £1000
including delivery
Cost per month= £91.70
(10%APR)



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**Single bed
(second-hand)**
Free £50 to collect
Cost per month= £4.59
(10% APR)



**Single bed
(new)**
Argos £120 including
delivery
Cost per month= £11
(10% APR)

Single bed (new)
Argos £399 including
delivery
Cost per month= £36.58
(10% APR)



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Cot (second-hand)
Free



Cot (new)
Argos £80 including delivery
Cost per month= £7.34
(10% APR)

Cot (new)
Mamas & Papas £220 including delivery
Cost per month= £20.17
(10% APR)



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Two wardrobes & two chests of drawers (second-hand)
Free £50 to collect
Cost per month= £4.59
(10% APR)



Two wardrobes & two chests of drawers (new)
Argos £280 including delivery
Cost per month=£25.67
(10% APR)

Two wardrobes & two chests of drawers (new)
Furniture Village £3000 including delivery
Cost per month= £263.50
(5.4% APR)



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22" Hitachi TV
£89.99
Cost per month= £8.25
(10% APR)



32" Sony TV
£199.99
Cost per month= £18.34
(10% APR)

50" LG TV
£369
Cost per month= £33.83
(10% APR)



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Kitchen essentials kit
£20
Cost per month= £1.84
(10% APR)



Tableware & Glasses
£11.99
Cost per month= £1.10
(10% APR)

Bedding and Towels
£50
Cost per month= £4.59
(10% APR)



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TRAVEL

Walking
Free



Bus
£60 per month

Tube
Zone 1: £129.60 per month



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Honda Scooter (2006)

Cost: £1200 (£40 per month for 36months)
 Insurance: £21.70 per month
 Tax: £1.42 per month
 Petrol: £15 per month
 MOT: £20 (£1.70 per month)
 Total cost per month= £79.82



Ford KA (2002)

Cost: £500 (£18 per month for 36months)
 Insurance: £108.23 per month
 Tax: £17 per month
 Petrol: £75 per month
 MOT: £40 (£3.30 per month)
 Total cost per month= £221.53

1.2L Vauxhall Corsa (2005)

Cost: £2200 (£75 per month for 36months)
 Insurance: £75.93 per month
 Tax: £10.80 per month
 Petrol: £70 per month
 MOT: £40 (£3.30 per month)
 Total cost per month= £235.03



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1.6L Hyundai i30 (2006)
Cost: £5000 (£149 per month for 36 months)
Insurance: £89.32 per month
Tax: £2.50 per month
Petrol: £65 per month
MOT: £40 (£3.30 per month)
Total cost per month= £309.12



Kia Sportage (2010)
Cost: £7000 (£167 per month for 36 months)
Insurance: £92.40 per month
Tax: £22.50 per month
Petrol: £40.26 per month
MOT: £40 (£3.30 per month)
Total cost per month= £325.46

1.5L BMW 1 Series (2015)
Cost: £19000 (£556 per month for 36 months)
Insurance: £94.67 per month
Tax: £2.50 per month
Petrol: £65 per month
MOT: £40 (£3.30 per month)
Total cost per month= £721.47



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BILLS

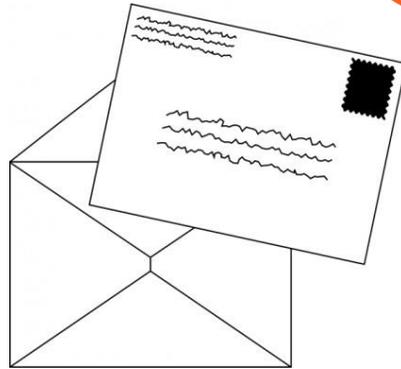
Bills	Cost per month
Gas & Electricity	£70.83
Water	£29.29
Council Tax	£125
TV License	£12.13
Sky TV	£44

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Instructions-

Read the following letter:



My name is Sam. I'm 11 years old. I live in North Kensington with my mum and two sisters, Ellie who is seven and Becky who is three. Our mum and dad split up last year and I don't like to talk about it.

Sometimes I get into trouble at school because my teachers say I am disruptive. I feel sad and angry a lot but I don't know how to talk to my friends about what is going on because I don't want them to judge me. My mum has had to do more work. She struggles with money and it really upsets her.

My dad moved away so we hardly ever see him anymore. Ellie used to go to dance classes. She did ballet and tap-dance and really enjoyed it but she had to stop because my mum couldn't afford it anymore. I wish I had some money to give to my mum. I can't wait until I'm older so I can!

Christmas is coming up and I know my mum is worried about it because she doesn't know how she will be able to cope. I don't think I will get any presents but I told her I really don't mind! The only thing I am not looking forward to is going back to school after the holidays when everyone else talks about what they got.

I helped Ellie and Becky make their lists to Santa but made sure they were really short so my mum doesn't have to worry.

How do you think CCS could help Sam's family? Email your suggestions to kimberleyt@cathchild.org.uk. Write 'Stop 4' in the subject line.

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Instructions-

Read the scenario below:

A class of five year olds are sitting down for story time. The teacher started the story 20 minutes ago but one of the children keeps shouting out and being disruptive. He elbowed a child next to him. When he was moved to the other side of the room, he started kicking the child in front of him.



How might your respond to this child? Email your suggestions to kimberleyt@cathchild.org.uk. Write 'Stop 5' in the subject line.

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Think about what happened at Stop 6. Our counsellors and therapists work with children with varying needs. It is really important for us to use different methods to help children with different needs.



This includes play therapy, music therapy, art therapy, individual counselling and group counselling.

“I feel better. You helped me take all of the burdens out of my heart.”

A child who was helped by ConnectEd.

ConnectEd

Mental Health Services for Schools

Instructions-

Make an instrument using the materials.

Upload a short video to our CCS Twitter page of you playing your instrument.

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The Catholic Children's Society also respond to emergency needs. The Grenfell Tower block is just around the corner from the CCS office. Since the morning after the fire we have been supporting local schools and families to cope with this terrible tragedy.

Many children have been deeply traumatised by what has happened. This includes not just those children who were in the tower itself, but also the hundreds of children who witnessed events unfolding that night and those who lost friends and loved ones.

We are providing ongoing support for the community. For example, we are providing mental health professionals to work on-site in local schools to help children and families who are struggling to come to terms with what has happened. This support will continue for as long as is necessary.

Instructions-

Schools organised lots of different fundraising activities for those affected by Grenfell. Look at the pictures below. How are these schools fundraising? What events could you organise for CCS? Email kimberleyt@cathchild.org.uk your ideas and get involved!



Go Green for Grenfell

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)

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This Friday 23rd June we invite all pupils and staff to wear their own clothes in support for the families and victims of the Grenfell Estate. *Please try to wear something green!* All donations will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society Emergency fund.

Minimum Donation £2



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Instructions-

Read Jamie's story:

Jamie is six years old and lives with his mum Zara, and his baby sister Abi. For the past two years, Jamie's family have lived in a two bedroom flat. Jamie's mum Zara worked as a receptionist in a hotel. Unfortunately, in September last year Zara was told that the hotel was closing and that she would lose her job. Zara could not find a new job. She did not have the money to pay the rent for the family's flat.

One night Jamie's family came home to find that the landlord had changed the locks. The landlord had thrown the family's belongings out on to the street. Now homeless, Zara did not know what to do and ended up sleeping on London night buses with Jamie and Abi.

The next morning, Jamie's Head teacher noticed that Jamie was really tired and looked like he had not slept. He spoke to Jamie's mum after school and called the local council. Jamie's family were moved into a temporary flat. However, the new flat was unfurnished and completely empty. The family had nothing but two blankets and a few clothes.

Jamie's Headteacher contacted CCS and told them about Jamie's family. CCS were able to use the Crisis Fund to buy the family three beds, bedding, a fridge, a gas cooker and warm clothes for the winter. When the Headteacher told Zara her family would be given these things, she cried with happiness and relief.

Zara could now give her children warm beds to sleep in, fresh, home-cooked food and warm clothing. We were able to help Jamie's family within 24 hours.

Jamie is just one out of 309 people that were helped by the Crisis Fund in 2016/17.

Every penny that secondary schools raise for CCS goes into the Crisis Fund.

If you raise . . .

£5 you could buy a child a pillow to sleep on

£10 you could buy a child a pair of shoes

£25 you could buy a child a warm coat

£50 you could help feed a child for a month




Crisis Fund
Emergency support for families in crisis