



CMSI Teaching Resource

for children and teens

Introduction

Thank you...

...for signing up for CMSI's Justice Teaching Resource. We hope that you find the material helpful as you inspire your children and young people to play their part in global mission.

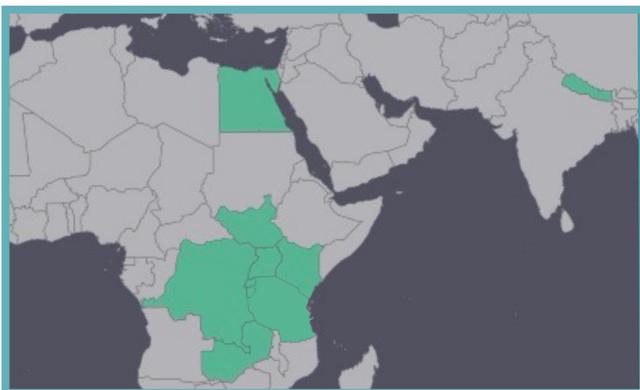
Introducing CMSI

The Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) is a Christian mission organisation that exists to help God's people engage in God's mission. We make connections between different parts of God's global family and we equip churches and individuals as they work together to share God's transforming love.



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The **Teaching Resource** is just one of the ways in which we resource the Church in Ireland and encourage parishes to support and be inspired by churches in other parts of the world.



Our Global Partners

CMSI has developed strong, fruitful relationships with a number of Anglican Dioceses, local churches and Christian organisations in Africa and South Asia. Our relationships with these global partners provide the context for all we do.

This resource, **Fair Play**, shares stories from some of these global partners.

Our Annual Theme

Every year CMSI picks an annual theme to help us shape and share our work over the next twelve months. This theme is reflected in our teaching resource, as well as our magazines and events.

The theme **Wading into Justice** is about recognising the call on all Christians to actively engage in matters of fairness and justice with a focus on discerning how to participate on God's justice for all on both a global and local level.





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The Resource Theme

Fair Play: making things right with God today.

CMSI's new teaching resource unpacks ideas around fairness and justice. Children will explore how this is a complex area and must go beyond equality for individuals. They will consider matters such as levelling up in both global and local contexts, grounding everything in the Christian call to 'do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God' (Micah 6: 8).

The resource explores four key areas that come out of this verse, using the Bible and examples from some of our partners, to consider the issue of fairness and justice. This dual focus on the Bible and our global partners has characterised all of CMSI's teaching resources over the years.

We pray that through these sessions, your children and young people will hear God's call to bring faith and action together, seeing the joy and challenge of participating in God's justice here on earth.

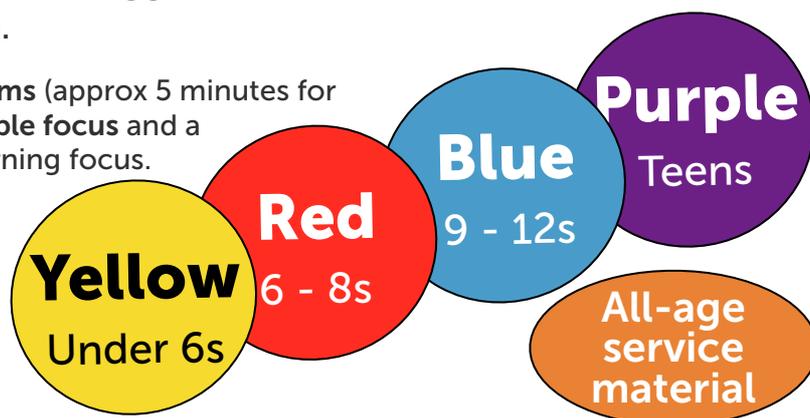


Using the material

The **Fair Play** material has been designed for use in a variety of settings. You can simply pick and choose different activities, films and questions as you see fit. Or you can follow the suggested **session outlines** for a more ordered approach.

In addition to the 'Global Partners' films (approx 5 minutes for each film), each session includes a **Bible focus** and a range of **activities** that link to the learning focus.

Material is provided for four age-groups, but can be adapted to suit your own context. The age groups here are given as **a guide only** - there are no 'ages' on printable materials:



All the material - including the short films - is free to view and download from our website. Should you wish to make a donation towards the costs of production, you can use the donate buttons on the web page or send a cheque to CMS Ireland (with 'Children's Resource Materials' on the back).

As you know, the web page is password protected. Now that you have signed-up for the resource and received the link and password, please feel free to share these details within your own church or school (with Sunday school leaders, families, teaching staff etc). However, we request that you not share the details outside your church or school community. Simply point people to the Children's Resource page of our website, so they can sign-up their church or school for the resource. This helps us to track where and how the resource is being used and enables us to provide additional support, where required.