



# Church Mission Society Ireland Children's Resource



## Introduction

We hope that you find the material helpful as you inspire your children and young people to play their part in global mission.

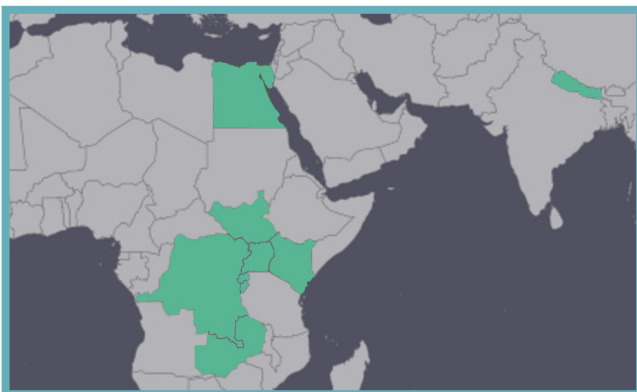
## Introducing CMSI

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 **Children's 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, **Switched On**, shares stories from some of these global partners in Nepal.

## Our Theme

Every September CMSI picks a theme to help us shape and share our work over. This theme is reflected in our Children's Resource, as well as our magazines and events.

The theme **Living Lights** is all about shining another light on mission and the church, helping us to see God's light and work together to reflect it back in the world.





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## The Children's Resource Theme

This Children's Resource explores ideas around God's love for the earth and humanity and looks at ways that we can learn to love the world and each other better. In particular, it draws lessons from Galatians 6:2 to "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ".

The resource asks four key questions that come out of this verse, using the Bible and the example of Nepal to consider the issue of climate justice. This dual focus on the Bible and our global partners has characterised all of CMSI's Children's Resources over the years.

We pray that through these questions, your children and young people will hear God's call to **Switched On** to issues of climate justice, God's love for the world and to play their part as children in God's global family.

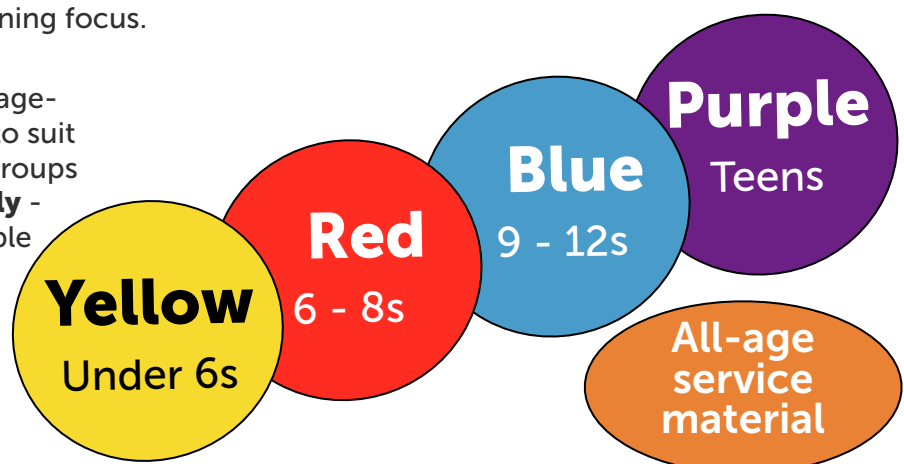


## Using the material

The **Switched On** 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 '**Partners in Nepal**' films (3-5 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 work of CMSI, 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).