

# Bought and Sold

## Equipment:

Shopping basket

A selection of shopping items, with prices

Labels with prices

Labels for students to fill in

Pens

(\* ) Taken from Stop The Traffik website,  
<https://www.stophetraffik.org/the-scale-of-human-trafficking>

This activity encourages students to think about people who are victims of human trafficking

## Instructions:

An estimated 1.2million children are trafficked each year, 80% of whom are female, and the majority are from poorer countries(\*). These individuals are slaves, bought and sold for a few pounds/dollars.

This activity encourages students to think about what a human being is worth, to think about how valuable every life is, that no one should be sold into any kind of slavery.

Everyday shopping items are displayed, along with their price tags, as a trigger for thinking about worth and value.

The students are invited to write or draw a hope or a wish or a prayer onto a price-tag for those who are trapped in some form of slavery. This activity works best with a team member available to talk with the students, particularly those who find the theme upsetting.



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*Below is an example of the instructions you could use for this activity. Please feel free to copy these and adapt as you wish. If your prayer space has a name you might wish to add your own logo.*

## **Bought and Sold**

More than 1.2 million children are bought and sold against their will every year. This is called 'human trafficking'. These children are taken from homes and families and forced into forms of slavery, usually in other countries.

How much is a human being worth?

Is it OK to buy or sell a human being?

If you want you can write or draw a hope or a wish or a prayer onto one of the price tags for people who are being bought and sold into slavery today.