

JOY INTERNATIONAL HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM



THE 6:8 FREEDOM PROJECT

Do Justice. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly with God.





ABOUT THE 6:8 FREEDOM PROJECT

This fall, JOY International is launching a comprehensive homeschool curriculum to educate and engage children and teens in the fight against human trafficking. Based on Micah 6:8, the curriculum will provide a faith-based, age-appropriate look into trafficking around the world, while encouraging students to discover their own passions and gifts to make a difference. Your donation supports the development of a quality curriculum for millions of students around the world.

*Their knowledge today
will set captives free tomorrow.*



THE CURRICULUM

The 6:8 Freedom Project will consist of 12 video segments with variations based on age group with appropriate content available for grades 1 to 12. Each video will consist of a lesson, including real-life stories and footage from around the world along with a memory verse that will be discussed and tied to the video lesson.

A Freedom Workbook will be made available to all students participating in the curriculum. The Freedom Workbook includes age-appropriate activities and opportunities for reflection based on each video segment.



AUDIENCE & REACH

5.5 million

students currently engaged in
homeschooling in the U.S.

Culturally Diverse

2/3 Christian

approximately 2/3 of homeschool families
are Christian

Homeschooling has experienced rapid growth over the past few years, especially within the United States. Current estimates indicate approximately 5.5 million students are engaged in homeschooling in the U.S.

In a recent report, the United States Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey (published in April 2021), cited these statistics as being representative of the diversity of U.S. homeschoolers.

- Hispanic: 12.1% of households are homeschooling
- White: 9.7% of households are homeschooling
- Black: 16.1% of households are homeschooling
- Asian: 8.8% of households are homeschooling

While data is somewhat limited, it is estimated that approximately 2/3 of homeschool families are Christian which positions The 6:8 Freedom Project to be an attractive resource to the majority of homeschool families.

DISTRIBUTION



The 6:8 Freedom Project will be made available online for free for any family or classroom interested in learning more about human trafficking.

Initially, the curriculum will be heavily promoted by Sonlight, a well-established Christian homeschooling community and curriculum resource that has been connecting homeschool families with a love for life-long learning for over 30 years.

JOY International will also promote the curriculum through partnerships with other homeschooling networks as well as through our supporting churches, community groups, and donors.



IMPACT

The 6:8 Freedom Project will bring much-needed awareness and understanding to the plight of children, teens, and young adults impacted by human trafficking. Through the curriculum, children and teens will not only engage in learning but will be prompted to actively participate in the fight against human trafficking as well. Through the Freedom Workbook activities that accompany each lesson, students will be invited to serve within their local communities and hopefully discover their own passions and gifts to make a difference.

Through Sonlight's partnership, students will be encouraged to fundraise for JOY International as a part of their participation in the curriculum. At the end of this fundraising period, Sonlight will match the funds raised, setting the stage for a remarkable opportunity for JOY International to raise a significant amount to fund our work to fight human trafficking.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

VIDEO 1

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

- Historical slavery vs. modern-day slavery
- Human trafficking definition
- There is hope. Organizations like JOY International work to bring freedom and healing to trafficking victims around the world

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

VIDEO 2

CULTURES, JUSTICE, AND FREEDOM

- Justice is making wrong things right
- What justice looks like for trafficking
- What is God's plan for fighting injustice in the world? US. You and me.

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VIDEO 3

TYPES OF TRAFFICKING: A DEEPER DIVE

- Who traffickers are (criminals who trick and lie)
- Two stories of trafficked kids
- Force, fraud, coercion/trickery

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

CONTENT OVERVIEW

VIDEO 4

VULNERABILITIES

- What makes someone vulnerable (at risk) to human trafficking (poverty, history of abuse, addiction, weak family structure, lack of identity and love in the home, lack of education, or financial improvement possibilities).
- By reaching people with the love of Jesus, we can help show them how valuable they are. Every person is made in the image of God and every person has value. We can help show them that.

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VIDEO 5

TRAFFICKING IN BELIZE

- Most people go to Belize because of the beautiful scenery. It's a paradise, but behind the paradise, there is brokenness.
- Familial trafficking (Trafficking in the community)
- Trafficked from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, to the islands/resorts for tourism.

1 John 3:17

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

CONTENT OVERVIEW

VIDEO 6

TRAFFICKING IN UGANDA

- Child brides
- Trafficked to major cities in the UK and the Persian Gulf
- Labor trafficking of children
- Highlight JOY's education program for girls in Kasese, Uganda

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VIDEO 7

TRAFFICKING IN AMERICA

- Trafficking is here in the U.S., but we can help make a difference
- Talk about shame and that it is a lie. If something happens to you or a friend it is not your fault etc. It is important to talk about it with a safe adult.
- Trafficked into Pornography for High School audience
- Loverboys / traffickers posing as boyfriends
- Safety hand signal
- Internet safety

Galatians 5:13-14

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

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VIDEO 8

WHAT WE DO: FREEDOM

- One of our main goals is to bring freedom.
- Police in other countries do not always have the tools and knowledge to help rescue someone out of trafficking, so JOY International comes in to help equip them.
- In partnerships with police and other NGOs, we have helped facilitate the rescue of over 2,500 children, teens, and young adults.

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VIDEO 9

WHAT WE DO: HEALING

- Elements of healing
- Components of a healthy restoration program
- Identity and healing
- Importance of education and work training for survivors.
- Who are you in Christ? What is your identity? Where are you going with Christ? What is your destiny?

Isaiah 43:18-19

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

CONTENT OVERVIEW

VIDEO 10

WHAT WE DO: PREVENTION

- Prevention means people are never trafficked in the first place
- Demand reduction (filters on computers, limiting exposure to explicit content, talking to young men and girls about identity and sexual struggles, sharing about human trafficking). [High School]
- Importance of internet safety
- Providing education and career options to vulnerable people
- Self-defense: Sticking up for yourself, you are worth it!
- Emergency Aid in vulnerable communities

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VIDEO 11

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Jeff's Barefoot story and his obedience to God's calling
- God called Jeff to live barefoot. What has he called you to do?

Matthew 25:40

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VIDEO 12

CLOSING

- Review the journey we have been on
- We can all be Freedom Fighters

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ABOUT JOY INTERNATIONAL

JOY International was founded in 1981 by Dr. Jeff Brodsky. In 1981, while reading the Scriptures, (Jeff says he was “readin’ the red”) he came across the verse in John 15:11 where Jesus spoke these words: “I speak these things to you so that My JOY would be in you and that your JOY would be complete.” It was on that day that God gave him the vision for the ministry of JOY International with the idea of sharing the JOY of Jesus and establishing children’s homes in places around the world wherever he found suffering children. His sincere desire was to search for “the least of these.”

In more recent years, Dr. Brodsky's eyes were opened to a burgeoning evil against children. An evil that is an abusive exploitation of the world’s most innocent and vulnerable children. This atrocity has radically refocused his heart and the original vision of JOY International. It is an atrocity that has quickly become a 150 billion dollar industry according to the latest United Nations Trafficking In Persons (T.I.P Report). It is the fastest growing crime in the world today of Child Trafficking or the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

MISSION

JOY International is dedicated to the rescue, restoration, and reintegration of children, teens, and young adults affected by trafficking and the prevention of human trafficking, especially the trafficking of children, worldwide.

VISION

Our vision is to see each captive set free from a life of slavery to experience the true joy of reaching their greatest potential in every area of life.

JOY INTERNATIONAL'S VALUES

SEEK JUSTICE

We are tenacious, determined, and resilient in our pursuit of freedom for enslaved and trafficked persons. We are consistent, prioritizing long-term success over short-term gain. We advocate for the oppressed and enslaved while honoring them as autonomous and unique individuals made in God's image. We honor survivors by not exploiting their stories, honor others by not publicly criticizing them, and honor the Lord in our words and deeds. We are marked by integrity, we are transparent and do the things we say we will do.

LOVE MERCY

We work from rest, prioritize Sabbath, and guard against burnout through personal health and self-care. We prioritize the health and relationships of our own families first, understanding that building a better world starts in our own homes (what good is it to gain the world but lose your soul, what good is it to "save" others but lose our families?). We are quick to forgive when other organizations, co-workers, partners, or clients fail us or wrong us.

WALK HUMBLLY

We collaborate and cooperate with others. We understand that we cannot do this work alone. We are humble, we understand that we do not always have the best answers, thus we rely on each other and our partners to complete our work. We are honest with our limitations, using our "No" to prioritize the things we have said "Yes" to. We know that we do not save anyone, (only God can save), we simply partner with His ongoing work in the mission that He has given us. Our faith is the core of who we are and is emphasized by our reliance on God.



A FINAL WORD

Dear friend of JOY,

Thank you for taking the time to read the outline for the 6:8 Freedom Project, a curriculum for potentially millions of students. In my more than 40 years with JOY International, this is, without question, the greatest opportunity we have ever been given to reach into the hearts and minds of future world changers.

I sincerely hope you see the same potential for every student, from elementary age through high school, who will go through the 6:8 Freedom Project.

Our incredible team at JOY International has been working diligently on every detail of this project as we know the power it has to change lives and motivate people to action. That is our goal: to make students aware of what is happening around the world to young people the same age as them. Children and teens are being used and abused in the most evil, heinous way imaginable. Due to the very sensitive nature of the subject matter, our team is extremely discreet in how and what we share so it is age-appropriate in its content, but powerful enough to give a degree of understanding to some of the evils in our world today. After sharing about the plight of human trafficking, it is important to us to then offer an opportunity for each student to actually take action and do something about it.

That has been my life mantra.

**“Awareness is good but,
awareness without action is apathy.”**

Making the student aware of what is happening is good. Giving them an opportunity to take action and create change in their world is greater. Now, multiply that by the potential of reaching literally millions of students for generations to come, and then you'll truly understand the power of the 6:8 Freedom Project.

A FINAL WORD

We need to raise \$100,000 to complete this curriculum with the excellence we believe each student deserves. Video production in locations around the world alone is a huge expense, but absolutely necessary to complete this curriculum.

I am asking you to please consider investing in not just a curriculum, but in the lives of each student who will have the opportunity to have their hearts and minds opened, with a hope that they will be motivated to action.

I think of one such former student who heard me speak when she was in high school. Her name is Natalie. She shared with me that the message changed the direction of her entire life. Last year, Natalie received her degree with honors in the study of social justice, and she has now started her own organization to fight human trafficking.

I sincerely believe that the 6:8 Freedom Project has the same and even greater potential in the lives of each student as they make decisions for their future.

I hope with all my heart you will help us. Future world changers are waiting.

With sincere hope,



Dr. Jeff Brodsky
Founder and President
JOY International

