

God's love Knows No Bounds


CELEBRATING
20 YEARS OF TLG!

Your easy-to-use leader's guide.

Speaking up for struggling children
and families throughout the UK.

 *sunday*

thank you from TLG's Founder

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It was amazing to see over 150 churches join in with our first ever TLG Sunday last year. Together we shared God's heart for struggling children in churches across the country and began to raise awareness about the massive challenges that our young people are facing today.

This year, on our 20th anniversary, you can join with us to make an even greater impact! Join with us as we see more people than ever before speaking up for struggling children, praying for God's intervention in the lives of young people and praising God for the work he's done through TLG over the last 20 years.

TLG is, and always will be, about local churches. It's because of congregations across the nation, just like yours, that hope and a future is given to thousands of children throughout the UK. This TLG Sunday we're believing in breakthrough for struggling children and families from a God whose love knows no bounds.

Our hope is that in these pages you connect with the vision God has given us: a vision to reach over 10,000 struggling children each year by 2025.

Thank you so much for choosing to take part in TLG Sunday this year. If you need any help planning your service, please don't hesitate to contact our TLG Sunday team directly on 01274 302810.



Tim Morfin
TLG Founder and Chief Executive



TLG West London Education Centre

taking part in TLG Sunday 2019

There are three ways you can join in with TLG Sunday this year:

1. We have a dedicated team who travel the country speaking in churches just like yours, highlighting the needs of struggling children and sharing how God is powerfully working through TLG at this time. A member of our TLG National Speaker Team would be delighted to visit your church on a Sunday to share the heart, vision and biblical content God has given us for TLG Sunday this year. There are never enough TLG speakers for every church that wants one; so please call us urgently on **01274 302810** to secure a speaker for your event.
2. If you are unable to host a TLG speaker but are keen to speak up yourself, then this leader's guide is perfect for you. All you need to do is confirm a date for your TLG Sunday with your church leader, then download our inspiring sermon, powerpoint visuals and powerful video and away you go! www.tlg.org.uk/tlg-sunday/go
3. Pushed for time? Don't worry, in this guide you'll find everything you need to deliver a ten minute presentation as part of a church service. With an inspiring video, some quick-to-read scripture and our top tips for ten minute talks, you have everything you need to challenge your congregation to reach out to struggling children and families in your local area.

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"Open your mouth for the mute, for the right of all who are destitute"

- PROVERBS 31:8

Delivering

your TLG Sunday talk

Why TLG Sunday?

All around the country there are struggling children and families in desperate need of hope and a future. At TLG we are so committed to raising up the church to meet this need in local communities but we need your help! The TLG Sunday content enables you to raise awareness of the current need, share the voice we know God has given us and provide an opportunity for other like-minded Christians to get involved.

This TLG Sunday we are proclaiming that God's love knows no bounds and we're asking you to do the same! Whether you have the opportunity to do this as part of a full sermon, or a 10 minute slot as part of main service, we've done all the hard work to make this as easy as possible for you.

There are a couple of ways you can speak up for struggling children this TLG Sunday. Read through option 1 and 2 and decide which one works best for your church.



TLG Make Lunch, Hull

Option 1:

God's love knows no bounds: The TLG Sunday 2019 main service talk.

This year we have been so inspired by God's boundless love for us, especially for those that are struggling. By choosing to do a full sermon slot on your TLG Sunday your church will have the best chance at connecting with God's heart and hearing how He's working powerfully through TLG and the local church at this time.

Choosing this option allows you to deliver our full sermon with biblical content and show our brand new inspirational video of Shauna's story. Follow these steps to make sure you're ready to speak up for struggling children and families, allowing God to move through you to deliver an incredible TLG Sunday that will help transform lives for generations to come:

Download your resources!

For both option 1 and option 2 you need to download our exciting script, biblical content and brand new TLG Sunday video at:

www.tlg.org.uk/tlg-sunday/go

1. Arrange a date with your church leadership to take the sermon slot in church and host a TLG Sunday 2019.
2. Download the full TLG Sunday resources and script from our website at tlg.org.uk/tlg-sunday/go
3. Spend some time praying and asking God how he wants to use you this TLG Sunday.
4. Read through the talk and Bible passages and watch our brand new, inspirational video on Shauna's story to make sure you connect with the heart and vision for TLG Sunday this year.
5. Download the accompanying powerpoint slides and speak out the talk next to each slide. The more you practise the more confident you will feel in delivering the talk. You are now ready to host your TLG Sunday!
6. On the date of your TLG Sunday, arrive early to set up. Put a donation form and a pen on every chair in your congregation ready for the offering.
7. Have the powerpoints and video loaded behind you on a screen and deliver the TLG Sunday talk, making sure to focus on the Bible passages, TLG journey and stories of lives that have been impacted over the years. Show the video of Shauna's story just before you take up the offering.
8. Finish by asking for congregation members to join thousands of Christians supporting the TLG vision by highlighting our donation forms and introduce the TLG offering. Leave a pause for people to fill in their forms there and then.
9. Take up the offering as part of your service and follow this with prayer and thanks.

Option 2:

Top tips for 10 minute talks:

If you're feeling time pressured or your church is used to ten minute sermon lengths then this option is perfect for you. Follow our 6 easy steps - perfect for ten minute talks.

1. Download the TLG Sunday ten minute talk and powerpoint slides from our website as a guide at tlg.org.uk/tlg-sunday/go
2. Read Psalm 107, verse 14 to your congregation.
3. Use page 8 of this guide to highlight the shocking statistics of struggling children in our country today.
4. Highlight the 3 TLG programmes and how we're working with over 220 churches around the country to reach out to struggling children and their families.
5. Introduce Shauna's story, our brand new and inspirational TLG Sunday video.
6. Finish by asking for congregation members to join thousands of Christians supporting the TLG vision by highlighting our donation forms and taking an offering for TLG.

TLG Family Faith Adventure Weekend, 2018



Involving all age groups in TLG Sunday!

Ideal for a family service, Sunday School or church youth group; we want to involve children and young people as much as possible in praying for their friends and peers this TLG Sunday.

Here are some creative ideas to suit a mixture of all ages:

Paraphrase the telling of the story of The Exodus from Exodus 7 v 14, and explore these questions with your group:

1. What characteristics did God show when rescuing the Israelites?
2. Do you think God still rescues people?
3. How could God rescue someone today?
4. Is there anything you would like God to help you with this morning?
5. Is there anyone you would like to pray for this morning?

If you have a lively group - why not act out the story of the Exodus together?

Activity 1. God the breaker of chains: His love knows no bounds.

Prepare strips of paper and give 3-5 to each child. In quiet reflection instruct each child to think of a few things they want God's help with, and to write them on the strips of paper. When everyone has finished writing join all the chains together and if you have one, leave them at the cross of Jesus. Jesus has taken the things we struggle with and set us free.



Activity 2. The Fathers heart.

It's important that children and young people know that God's father heart has love for everyone. Draw a huge heart for your group to add the names or drawings of people they know are struggling. Spend some time praying as a group for those people.



Help us to

make a difference...

THE SHOCKING STATISTICS:

EXCLUSION:

422,910 exclusions

have been given to children in the UK this past year.¹

School exclusion rates are nearly

three times higher

for black children than for the rest of the school population.²

45 exclusions

every day are given to children in Nursery, Reception or Year 1.¹

Children with special educational needs (SEN) account for

half of all permanent exclusions.³

1. Department for Education [DfE] (2018). 2.. Department for Education [DfE] Schools, pupils and their characteristics (2017). 3. Office of the Children's Commissioner Falling through the Gaps in Education (2018)

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH:

One in ten children

in the UK feel unable to cope with the school day.⁴

Almost two-thirds

of children say they worry 'all the time'.⁵

One in twelve

5 to 19 year olds struggle with an emotional disorder such as anxiety, sadness or low self-esteem.⁶

4. Association for Young People's Health, Key Data on Adolescence (2013). 5. Place2Be, 2017. 6. Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2017, NHS (2018). 7. Kellogg's, 'Isolation and Hunger: The reality of the school holidays for struggling families' (2015) 8. Mullis, I. V. S., Martin, M. O., Foy, P., & Hooper, M. (2017). 9. Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 'UK Poverty 2018' (2018).

CHILD HUNGER AND POVERTY:

One in three parents

from low-income families have skipped a meal so that their children can eat during the school holidays.⁷

25% of primary school students

in England reported feeling hungry every day or nearly every day.⁸

4.1 million children

are living in poverty in the UK. This figure has risen by half a million since 2012.⁹

Your TLG Sunday *offering*

With school exclusion and child poverty rising at an alarming rate and a growing number of children reporting feeling worried and in need or support, the need to act is urgent.

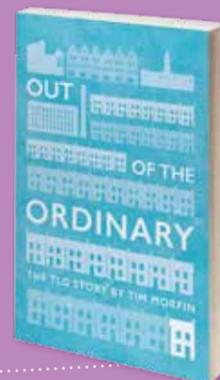
The past 20 years have been powered by faith-filled supporters standing with us. But we're looking ahead to the next 20, and seeing an exciting but challenging journey that God is calling us on.

Now more than ever, will you inspire others who are choosing to stand up for struggling children. Could your church take up an offering for TLG and collect individual donations? Or could your church support TLG as your home mission charity with a donation?

Whether people can give just a few pounds or a more substantial amount; we can guarantee that you and your church will be sowing futures of hope for generations to come.

We know that overseeing an offering can be a little bit daunting so here are our top tips for how to take one up as part of your TLG Sunday service:

1. Communicate the need and get the support of your church leadership. Before your TLG Sunday you could inspire them with the TLG video, biblical content of the script and information in this leaders guide.
2. Before your church service starts place a donation form and a pen under the seat of everyone in your congregation.
3. At the end of your talk remind people of the growing need of struggling children in our country. We crucially need the support of so many like-minded individuals to help us see 10,000 struggling children supported every year by 2025.
4. Hold up a donation form, explain the three giving amounts and ask those in your congregation to consider filling the form in and giving a one-off donation. Leave a pause for people to consider this and fill in their forms.
5. Remind people that for each donation envelope handed back in, a free copy of the TLG story *Out of The Ordinary* written by Tim Morfin will be sent in the post to each person.
6. Take up an offering, inviting people to put their donations in a basket. Make sure to collect all forms filled in at the end of the church service.



£15

could help to feed a family at a TLG Make Lunch club who might otherwise go hungry.



£50

could help to train a TLG coach to provide vital one-to-one support for a child struggling in school.



£150

could help to pay for a week of TLG education for a young person excluded from school.



“ I really enjoyed my time at TLG. I learnt a lot and see everyone there as my second family. I can't tell everybody who has given money how thankful I am. Without you guys TLG wouldn't happen.

Courtney, TLG Education Centre student

Don't forget!

When you have collected all the forms, please use the padded envelope in your pack to post them back to us at:

**Rachel Dawson,
TLG National Support,
Hope Park, Bradford,
BD5 8HH.**

Pray with us

“ Father we thank you that you sent Jesus to rescue us. We thank you that you are a God of love, desperate to restore what is broken.

We thank you that you are a God of power and justice. This TLG Sunday we bring before you every struggling child, young person and family in our country.

We ask that in your power and in your love you would release them from their chains. We ask that you would raise up local church to be the light in their darkness and that you would call up more volunteers to be Jesus' hands and feet.

Father we thank you for the vision you've blessed to us and we ask to see more of you at work. In your name,

Amen ”

TLG Early Intervention



Receive our prayer alerts!

Join our growing WhatsApp broadcast to receive urgent prayer updates on behalf of struggling children and families across the UK. It just takes two very easy steps:

1. Add +44 (0)7712 705947 to your mobile phone contacts.
2. Text 'PRAY' in WhatsApp to the number above.

You'll begin to receive free prayer updates straight to your phone. Don't worry – you won't receive constant alerts. This is a broadcast service not a Whatsapp group.

We won't use your number for any other purposes and if you don't want to receive any more messages, all you need to do is text STOP to the same number. Also, it's totally private. Your number will only be displayed to us.

20 years

of TLG stories of transformation



Lewis today



Lewis aged 15

It has been amazing to see God work through TLG and the local church to support over 10,000 struggling children since TLG started. We love each and every story of transformation as it highlights the incredible impact the local church can have.

TLG helps thousands of children every year. But 20 years ago, there was just one boy that kicked it all off. Lewis, now in his thirties, has no doubt that TLG transformed his life for good.

It all began with one boy...

“ I hated being at school. I felt trapped and like no-one understood what I'd been through. So I worked out how to play the system. I'd try and get kicked out of school by half past nine. If that meant throwing a punch at someone I'd do it because I didn't want to be there.

I started going to TLG, which was just a few streets away from where I grew up. It was like nowhere else. It was safe and taught me that life could be different – that I could change. That's where I met Tim Morfin. Without him, I'd probably be dead or in prison because everyone wrote me off – except for Tim. I never thought I'd make 16, 18 or 21, never mind my thirties. ”

Shauna's story

“ My name is Shauna. This is my story.

When I was 11, on the week I left primary school, my dad died suddenly. It was sudden and I couldn't prepare myself for it. It was absolutely heart-breaking that I couldn't say goodbye.

The night before my dad passed away we had a dispute in the kitchen about me not going to bed. I woke up the next morning and he was gone. I just felt like it was my fault.

At school I refused to do anything and I was getting in fights. I had so much anger that this had happened to me. Because of the fights, School would exclude me and I felt worthless. I needed some support, someone to confide in.

On my first day at TLG, they were really welcoming and kind and from then on, things just got better. TLG changed me because I was able to speak about what I was feeling. After hours and hours of talking and one to ones and kick-offs things just started to change. My mental health started to get a lot better.

Now I've got qualifications to go to college. I want to be a bereavement support worker so that I can give some sort of support back to people that are struggling.

Every year TLG run a faith residential where students like me can enjoy time away doing fun outdoor activities. We also have sessions where we learn about God. When I went to TLG's faith residential the theme was about forgiveness. It made me realise that my Dad's death wasn't my fault. I realised how life is too short and how I needed to forgive myself.

To hear that God forgives you then, it's just... lovely, isn't it?

TLG just didn't support me, they supported my family. It was like they'd glued us all back together and I'm very grateful. ”

Download Shauna's powerful film to share with your congregation at: www.tlg.org.uk/tlg-sunday/go

Shauna at TLG Wakefield Education Centre

Take a look at more of incredible stories of transformation:



“ When I first came to TLG I started fitting in straight away. I think the more I got used to it and the more I got to know everyone else, it started to become a little bit like a family. They're all great teachers and I look up to them, but especially James - he's like my brother. I think TLG definitely transformed my life for good.

- Rory, TLG West London student

“ Make Lunch helps me to have to only think about one meal for my kids each day in the holidays. It's a huge help! Going to the club happened at a time in my life where I felt like I needed God a bit more. Everything just fell into place as I got involved with what was going on at the church!

- Julie, mum of three, Make Lunch in Luton



“ I was finding school tough. I had my Dad being angry and my Mum and Dad splitting up, and a few of my animals and cats died. I didn't know who to go to. My Early Intervention coach was kind and caring and understanding. Thank you for being really kind and helping me figure out ways to stop worrying.

- Sophie, 8, Early Intervention

Join with hundreds of churches all across
the country reaching out to support
struggling children and families.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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- MATTHEW 19:14

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