

# BRAVE FAITH

# YOUTH LEADERS GUIDE

**BRAVE FAITH IS A SIX-WEEK JOURNEY LEARNING ABOUT THE BRAVE FAITH OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH TO BUILD BRAVE FAITH IN YOUNG PEOPLE HERE. EACH WEEK THERE IS:**

- A story from the persecuted church
- A link to a Bible passage with reflection questions
- Challenges to build brave faith
- Interactive journalling questions
- Additional video and podcast content

Our hope is that by going through this resource young people will be both inspired and challenged to grow in brave faith themselves.

Whilst this resource has been designed so that it can be used independently, we know that young people often need encouragement to take their faith seriously. Going through this as a group is something a number of youth groups have already done and is the best way to use this resource. We recommend you ensure that each member of your group has their own journal to work through – you can order them for free at [www.opendoorsyouth.org/bravefaith](http://www.opendoorsyouth.org/bravefaith)

As a youth leader you will know the young people you work with and their levels of concentration and investment. Feel free to design sessions that work for your young people so they can get the most out of the stories and challenges.

**A TEMPLATE YOU MIGHT WANT TO USE IS:**

- Introduce theme of the week by using the initial questions in the journal – invite young people to write down their answers or share with the group.
- Ask a young person to read the story of Brave Faith.
- Invite initial reflections – what stood out?
- Read or listen to the Bible passage and go through the questions in the journal or invite young people to bring their responses to what they've heard.

- Move onto sharing about the week's challenges – it might be you want to do some as a group, or challenge individuals to stretch themselves with different variations of the suggested challenges.
- Watch the week's video from Naomi or Jamie to reinforce the learning.
- Split into smaller groups to pray – there is a prayer in the journal to use for those who might not be confident in praying their own prayers.
- Finish by giving time for young people to fill in the final reflections in the journal.

We have recorded videos and conversations with young people to support the material in the journal. You might want to send around a link to the 15min podcast during the week to encourage your group to live out the challenges. Here are the links you will need.

#### **1. BRAVE CHOICE**

[opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-one-extra-stuff](http://opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-one-extra-stuff)

#### **2. BRAVE PRAYER**

[opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-two-extra-stuff](http://opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-two-extra-stuff)

#### **3. BRAVE CHANGE**

[opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-three-extra-stuff](http://opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-three-extra-stuff)

#### **4. BRAVE ACTION**

[opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-four-extra-stuff](http://opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-four-extra-stuff)

#### **5. BRAVE LIFE**

[opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-five-extra-stuff](http://opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-five-extra-stuff)

#### **6. BRAVE FUTURE**

[opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-six-extra-stuff](http://opendoorsyouth.org/brave-faith/brave-faith-week-six-extra-stuff)

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