

# Be That Hero

Anyone anywhere today can be a victim of Human Trafficking. Do what you can:

## ONE

Learn about the slavery problem so you can protect yourself. Then teach your friends and family so they are protected, too.

## TWO

If you think someone you know may be abused or exploited, or something bad is about to happen to them, tell a responsible adult right away.

## THREE

If you know someone who is being bullied, be kind to them. Become their friend. You don't know what they have suffered through; it could be worse than you imagine.

## FOUR

Pray for human trafficking victims so they return home soon.

## FIVE

Bring in a speaker to talk to your classroom, school, church, or group about human trafficking and how you can help stop it NOW!

The National Human Trafficking Hotline  
888-373-7888 [www.PolarisProject.org](http://www.PolarisProject.org)

ITEMP: The 'Institute for Trafficked,  
Exploited & Missing Persons'  
701-255-7956 [www.ITEMP.org](http://www.ITEMP.org)

*"If The Good Run From The Bad,  
The Bad Win. Let's Not Run."*

- Patrick Atkinson

As confirmed during its 2015 General Convention, The Episcopal Church is committed to the prevention and protection of victims of human trafficking and urges members to support legislation, and engage in all actions possible, to promote the rescue and recovery of victims of human trafficking.

Please become involved. Together we CAN bring the victims home. Contact:

The National Human Trafficking Hotline  
888-373-7888

For further information, please visit our website:  
[www.ndepiscopal.org](http://www.ndepiscopal.org)

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Today's  
Life Series

# Human Trafficking and Teens

Grades 7 - 12



## Quick Test: True or False

**Q:** Slavery in America ended with Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War.

**A:** *False*

**Q:** Slavery still exists today but is less common now than it was 200 years ago.

**A:** *False*

**Q:** Slavery today is often called Human Trafficking.

**A:** *True*

Slavery, also called Human Trafficking, is when someone forces or tricks someone else into doing something they don't want to do for the financial gain of another person.



Human Traffickers forget that their victim is a person; someone's daughter, son, wife, or mother. They look at their

victim only as a way of making money. They must be stopped!

People today are enslaved for three reasons: Slave Labor, Sexual Exploitation, and for Body Parts. In each of these, the victim... the slave... is forced or tricked into a situation they feel they can't escape.

***You can help free human trafficking victims!***

## Three Forms of Human Trafficking

**For Labor:** Over 30,000,000 people, including very young children, are trafficked for forced labor in today's world.

**For Sex:** People will pay for all types of sexual services, including prostitution and pornography. Since there's money to be made, there are Human Traffickers who will force or trick vulnerable children and women into selling themselves.

In America alone, there are nearly 3,000,000 adults and 100,000 children who are forced to work as prostitutes. The average age when a girl enters prostitution is 13.

**For Body Parts:** Black market adoptions and illegal organ harvesting are also human trafficking.

In Labor and Sex Slavery, the work is dirty and dangerous. The victims make little to no pay and their "owners" keep almost all the money.

***"Why would someone want this lifestyle?" you ask.***

***The answer is, they don't.***

***The victims cannot escape or stop working. If they do, they are badly beaten or killed.***

## You. Be Safe.

Facebook, Twitter, and hundreds of other social networks are great places for meeting people, sharing photos, and updating friends. They are also anonymous places filled with prowlers looking for opportunities of crime, and predators looking for children, the recently widowed, individuals with alcohol and chemical addictions, and other vulnerable people.

The innocent-sounding message coming from that nice stranger may in fact be a criminal looking to hurt you. The older friend you feel really understands you may be manipulating your feelings while she/he sets you up to sell. Once trust is established and you think you found someone in whom you can share your problems and loneliness, the trap is set and meetings occur where bad things happen.

Don't post your personal information online. You really DON'T want strangers knowing where you live, go to school, and how old you are. Your friends already know this information.

Don't take or share pictures you don't want your grandmother to see. Once you share a photo, you've lost control of that photo forever; NOTHING sent over the internet ever completely disappears.

If you meet someone online or in person who gives you the creeps, listen to your feelings. Walk away... tell an adult.

If someone wants to hurt you, don't be nice; scream, kick, run away fast, and call 911. The police are extremely well-trained and know what to do.