

Volunteers Guidelines - Amazing Journey

Please remember to turn off your phone.

DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED OF SILENCE. ALLOW THE CHILDREN TIME TO THINK.

Children come in 1's or 2's (our member of staff will explain more)

Please **read the instructions off the card to them**, and if they need help doing the activity, help them. Please don't let the children read for themselves as their understanding may be poor and the whole process is slowed down. We only allow a minute or two for each task.

WHEN THEY HAVE FINISHED you can then chat a little if time allows, about the things they have thought about on the journey. Please try to make the child feel important to you.

Please remember that each station is just a small part of the whole story, and any discussion must fit in with that particular part of the journey. Please don't be tempted to preach the gospel, and if a child says I am a Muslim or Sikh or..... make it clear that that is ok and take an interest in what they say. They are **ALWAYS** allowed to say they don't want to do an activity.

Children are not asked to put their hands together or close their eyes to pray/talk to God. It is not necessary. **AT NO TIME MUST WE PRAY WITH A CHILD ABOUT A SITUATION.** Parents may not agree to that and we do not have permission to do that.

If you have any concerns about anything a child says to you please tell a member of the Hand to Mouth team (they wear a purple polo shirt with the logo on) as soon as you can, giving a good description or the name of the child. Don't try to sort it yourself.

If a child gets upset give them a tissue and call for help if necessary.

If there is anything in the journey that we have got wrong or you don't like for any reason, please have a quiet word with our staff.

Without your help, our Journeys could not happen. We value your contributions greatly, and thank you very much for volunteering!

The Hand to Mouth Team

