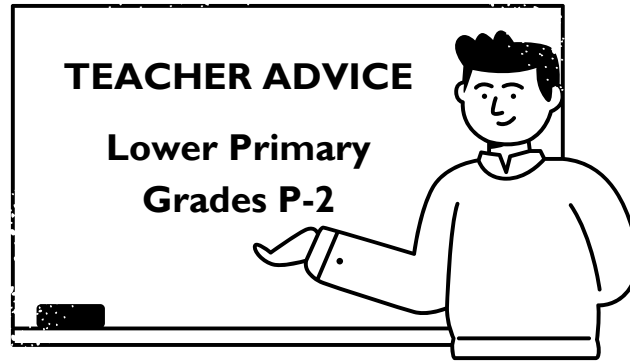


# LOWER PRIMARY

*How do people become  
refugees? Why do they  
flee?*

Welcome! World Vision is excited to share this special curriculum series aimed at providing primary students with the opportunity to begin their journey as world ready global citizens. Each unit has been developed to maintain flexibility within the curriculum and covers a range of general capabilities. In a time when hope and perspective is needed more than ever, we wish you and your students well as you journey alongside the world's most vulnerable children.

**SO, LET'S GO. IT'S TIME TO ACT.**



**INQUIRY QUESTION:**  
**HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME REFUGEES? WHY DO THEY FLEE?**

**Materials required**

- Printed worksheets
- Pencils
- Scissors

**Tips for tailoring to grade Prep**

- Brainstorm with students some suggested responses to questions. Utilise the content in the video clips to help construct responses.
- Refugee backpack maze game - brainstorm feelings with students to help them express their own feelings in a scenario.
- Letter activity - Lead students into this activity by having them close their eyes and imagine what life is like for Asmaa.

**Tips for tailoring to grades 1-2**

- Why do refugees flee home activity - Encourage students to brainstorm other ideas of why people may be forced to flee.
- Backpack maze game activity - When students individually complete their maze. Encourage them to work in groups to identify essential items to place into their backpack and predict the consequences of their decision. They may also like to identify factors that influenced their decision of what to pack.
- Letter activity - Encourage students to expand on their use of nouns and adjectives in their writing.
- Personal reflection activity - Encourage students to think through reasons why they feel safe with the chosen activities circled.

## SUPPORT MATERIAL

### FACTS ON REFUGEES

#### What is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who has had to leave his or her country. This is because of different reasons that mean it is no longer safe to stay.

#### Why do they flee?

- War/violence (dangerous)
- Collapsed infrastructure (healthcare and school facilities damaged or destroyed, lack of access to safe water)
- Poverty, hunger (searching for stable food sources)
- Natural disasters (such as flood, drought)

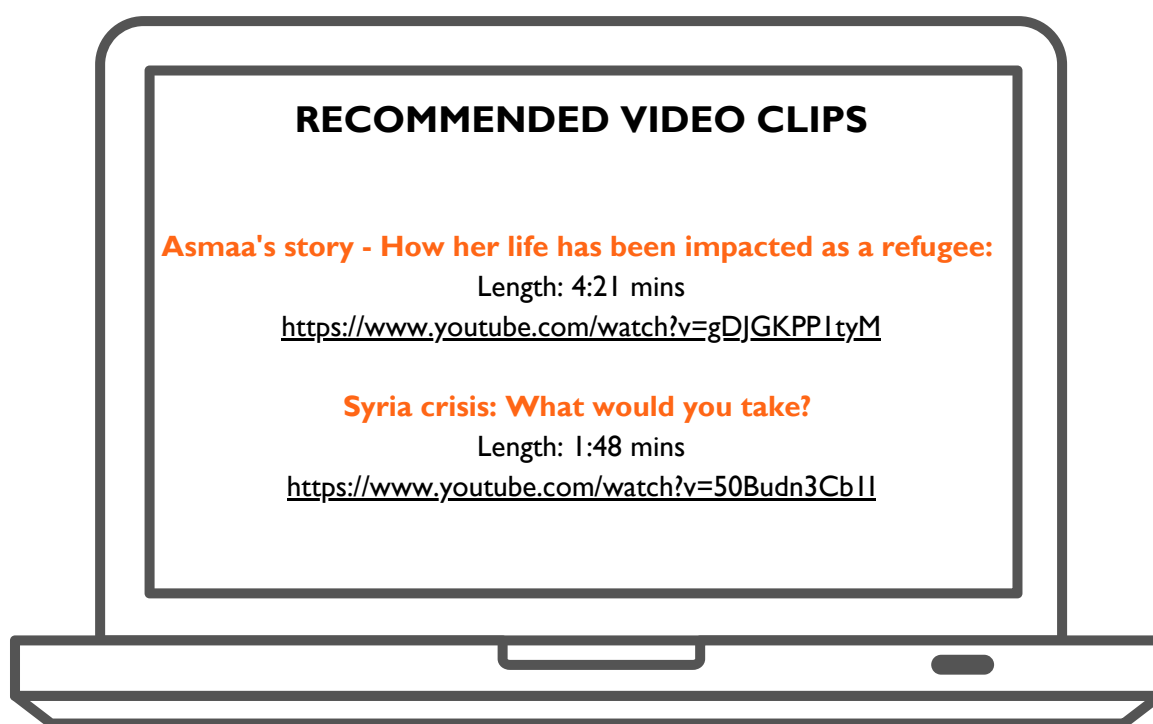
#### How many refugees? Where are they fleeing from?

- To date, a record 82.4 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes, many of them are children. The top seven countries of origin that account for the most refugees in the world today:
  1. Syria - 6.8 million refugees
  2. Venezuela - 5.4 million refugees
  3. Afghanistan - 2.8 million refugees
  4. South Sudan - 2.2 million refugees
  5. Myanmar - 1.1 million refugees
  6. Democratic Republic of the Congo - 1 million refugees
  7. Somalia - 800,000 refugees
- For more information: <https://www.worldvision.org/refugees-news-stories/forced-to-flee-top-countries-refugees-coming-from>










#### How does World Vision help refugees?

World Vision is dedicated to improving the lives of the world's most vulnerable children, families and communities. This includes programs that support displaced people seeking safety in refugee camps:

- helping people access food, clean water, sanitation and hygiene services
- providing shelter and emergency supplies such as blankets, stoves and warm winter clothing
- supporting fractured health systems: hospitals, maternal services, health centres and mobile clinics
- providing safe spaces for children to learn, play and receive other forms of support
- implementing programs addressing children's social interactions, family bonds and psychosocial wellbeing
- supporting bridging courses and additional classes to get children back to school
- programs in life skills, peacebuilding and resilience.



## CURRICULUM LINKS

ACTIVITY	PERSONAL & SOCIAL CAPABILITY	CRITICAL & CREATIVE THINKING	ETHICAL UNDERSTANDING	INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING
What is a refugee and why do they flee home?				
Refugee backpack maze game				
Letter to yourself				
Child Friendly Spaces & Personal reflection				

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### Asmaa's Story

My name is Asmaa. I am 11 years old and live in Lebanon. I live with my mother and father, older sister and brother, and a younger brother who loves to play around.

Originally, we lived in Syria but had to flee because of the war. In Syria we lived in a beautiful town with many beautiful gardens and buildings. I enjoyed my school; my favourite subject was math and I had friends there.

I lived a normal life in Syria until soldiers came and started fighting. We had to leave, or we would die, so, we fled to the countryside for 15 days, living without electricity or clean water. I got sick from the river water. We then made the journey to Lebanon. We now live in a refugee camp, a tent city.

Our tent is made of tarps and old cardboard boxes. It gets really warm in summer and really cold in winter. I miss my room and all of my toys back at home in Syria. When we left, I couldn't bring anything. One day, I hope to go back to Syria when the war is over, and it is peaceful once again.

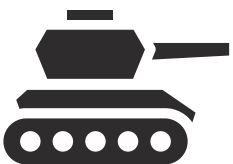
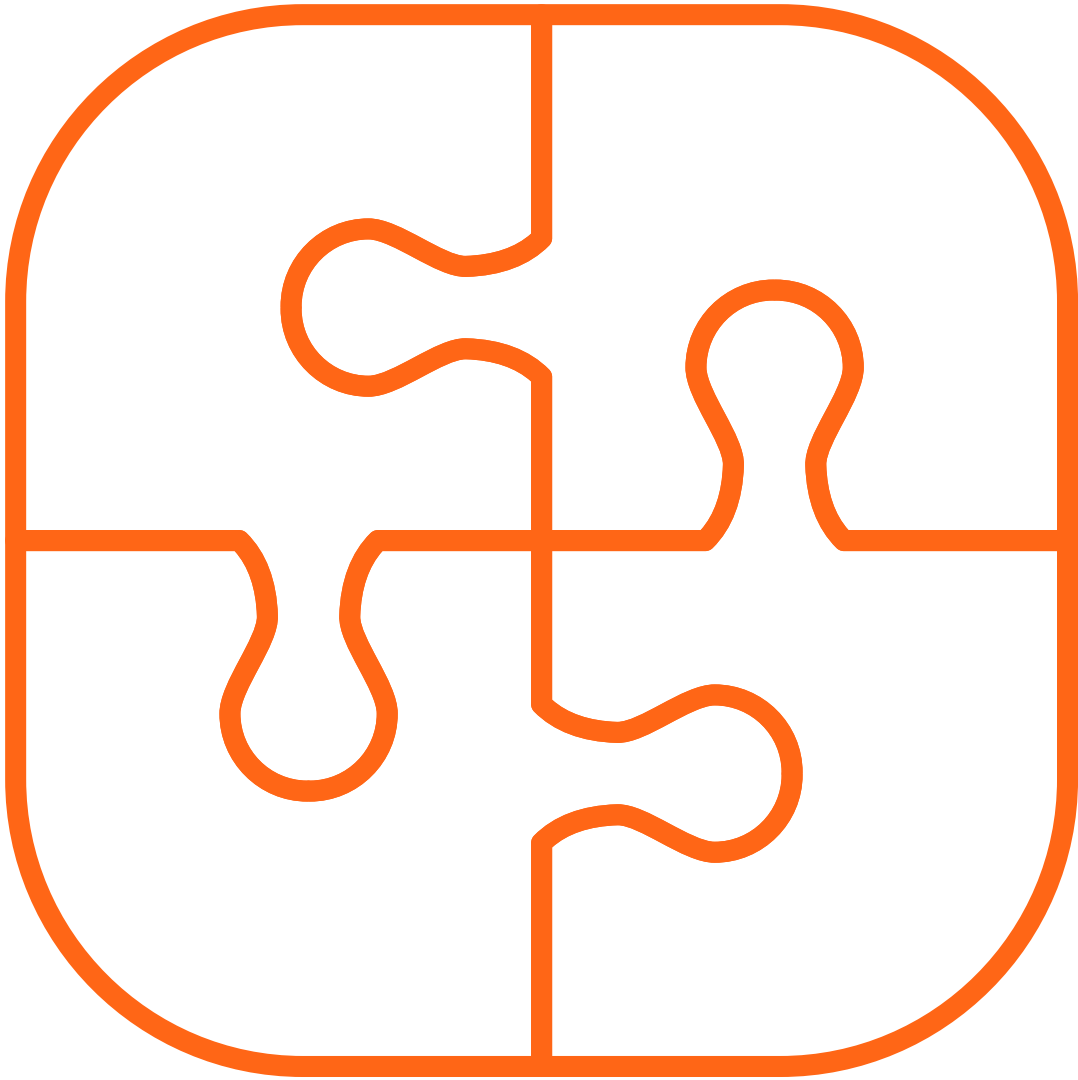
### Brainstorm: What is a refugee?



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**Why do people become refugees and flee from their home?**

Cut the pictures and paste into the puzzle.



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## You must flee!

It is too dangerous to stay home in your village. Pack your bag and run! You have 60 seconds to fill your backpack. One, two, three....sixty! Time is up! What will you take in your backpack for your journey? What will you leave behind? Complete the maze below to find out what you have taken with you as you journey to safety - a refugee camp. Cross out the items in the backpack that you go past in your maze path.



**FINISH YOUR  
JOURNEY  
AT A REFUGEE  
CAMP**

**START YOUR  
JOURNEY  
AT HOME**



### What's inside my backpack?

Many refugees are only left with what they can carry on their backs.

Now that you have crossed everything you went past in the maze. What are you left with? What wasn't crossed off? These are the only items you took with you when you had to flee.



What items NOT in your backpack would you miss the most?

How does it make you feel to miss these important things to you?  
Colour the emoji that shows how you feel and add THREE words below to describe this feeling.





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### What am I grateful for?

There are millions of refugees in our world. Most of them go without so many things. Asmaa couldn't bring any of her special things with her when her family has to suddenly flee.

Imagine being Asmaa without anything listed in the backpack. Now think about your life now. Write a letter to yourself about what you are grateful for in your life. This could be things, people and places.

Letter to me

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## Personal reflection

In refugee camps, Child Friendly Spaces are designed to give children a safe space to play, learn and be happy. It is a little bit like school

Circle which activities where you feel really safe and happy.



What would feeling safe look like for Asmaa  
in a refugee camp?



What does feeling safe look like for me  
at home?

