

# Taking action for children



Welcome to our Legacy Month 2026 – a time to celebrate the difference legacy gifts can make to the lives of vulnerable children across the UK. We'd love you to use these prayer reflections on your own or in a group, to think about how important it is to advocate for the rights of vulnerable children and young people. And how, through your faith and the action you take, you can make a difference.

## Week four

### The strength of your voice

#### Read: Exodus 3:7-12

#### Reflect

Many of us hold back from taking action because we quietly believe we're not enough. Not experienced enough, not confident enough, not influential enough. We tell ourselves that one more voice won't make a difference, that one small act of courage won't change anything. But these doubts can keep us from stepping into moments where we're most needed – moments where speaking up could help bring justice, hope, and change. Moses and Gideon are two of the most striking examples in the Bible of people who felt deeply unqualified for the roles they were called to play. Their stories remind us that God often works through those who doubt themselves – and that advocacy doesn't always begin with confidence, but with willingness.

When God calls Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses is quick to list his shortcomings. He questions his ability to speak, his authority, and even his worth to take on the task (Exodus 3-4). Similarly, Gideon responds to God's call by pointing to his weakness: "My clan is the weakest... and I am the least in my family" (Judges 6:15). Both men see their limitations more clearly than their potential.

Yet, despite their hesitation, God meets them where they are. Moses is given Aaron to support him, Gideon is reassured again and again of God's presence. Their stories unfold not because they suddenly feel capable, but because they take courageous steps forward, trusting that they're not alone.

Speaking up for others – especially in situations of injustice or vulnerability – can feel daunting. We might question whether our voice matters, whether we have enough knowledge, influence, or credibility. Like Moses and Gideon, we can feel small in the face of large societal problems.

But their stories remind us that advocacy is not about having all the answers. It's about responding to a call — to stand with others, to speak when something is wrong, and to trust that even small acts of courage can lead to meaningful change. God works through ordinary people who are willing to show up.

Sometimes, it begins simply by saying yes and trusting that your voice, however uncertain, can help bring justice, freedom, and hope to others.

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#### Pray

God of grace,  
You see our doubts and where we feel not enough. Like Moses and Gideon, we name our weaknesses, yet You call us still. Help us trust your strength over our fear, speak with courage, and step forward with compassion. Bless the work of Action for Children as they bring hope, dignity, and lasting change. As we use our voices, remind us that we do not go alone. In Your strength, we say, 'Yes!'  
Amen.

#### Take action today

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- Find out how a gift in your will could help us give children a safe and happy childhood. Visit [actionforchildren.uk/legacyoflove](https://actionforchildren.uk/legacyoflove)