



Wesley's Wednesday Challenge



HOPE

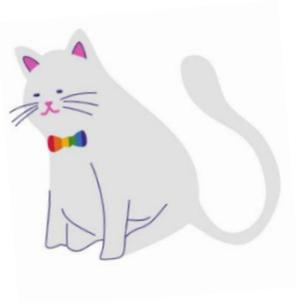


Who was John Wesley?

John Wesley worked in a church in the 18th century (the 18th century is any date between 1700 and 1799). He is most famous for helping to start a church called the Methodist Church.

John Wesley was inspired to help those around him, spreading a message of hope and faith, this is still very important today.

In this pack we'll be thinking about what hope is, what John Wesley hoped for and also what it means to you.



This is Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, it opened in 1778.

What is hope?

Hope can mean lots of things: wishing something might change, feeling positive about the future, finding happiness during hard times. Try and write down what hope means to you using the letters H, O, P and E



Happy

Optimistic

Peace

Embrace

Sometimes it can be hard to express what hope is with words. If you like you can use dance, singing or an action (like a hug) to show what it means to you.

H.....

O.....

P.....

E.....

What did John Wesley hope for?

John Wesley hoped that those who were most in need in society, like the very poorest, would get the help they needed. He also wanted to help as many people as possible find their faith. How did he do this?

These are some of the objects from our Museum that link to John Wesley's hopes.



Writing

John Wesley wrote books and pamphlets about things he hoped would change. One thing he believed in very strongly was ending the slave trade, he wrote a letter about it using this quill.

Speaking

John spoke to lots of people about his faith. He did this in churches as well as outside. He used this pulpit to speak to people. He hoped to inspire them.



Preaching outdoors

By preaching outdoors, Wesley could speak to many more people. This appealed to people who might not want to go inside a church.



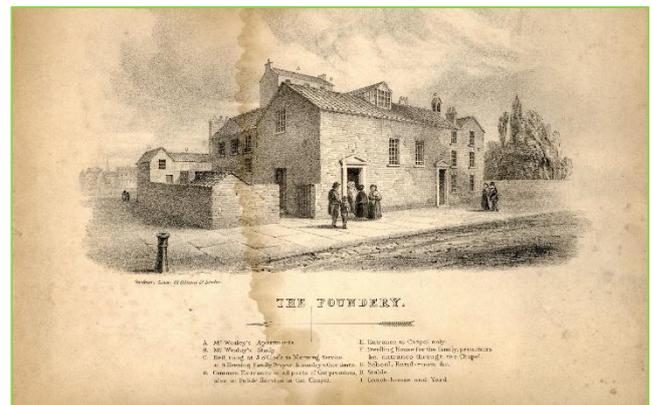
Fundraising

This is an 18th century donation pot. John Wesley collected money to help those most in need. This is something that is very important to Methodists today. There are several Methodist charities that work to help people worldwide, like Action for Children.



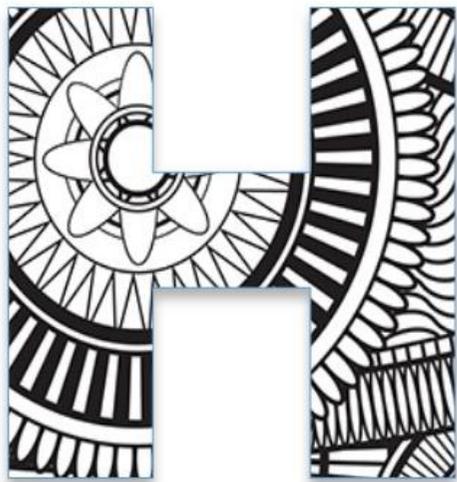
Opening free schools

Most children did not go to school in the 18th century as it was not free. John Wesley opened several free schools. One was in the Foundry Chapel, pictured here. This chapel was a few minutes from where Wesley's Chapel is today, but the building is no longer there.



Just for fun!

Have a go at colouring in the image
below



Create!

Make a mini museum of hope.

In Museums, we collect objects that tell stories. Our Museum collects objects about John Wesley and other Methodists, as well as objects about Methodism itself.

In this activity you'll be making your own mini museum display about hope. All the objects in your mini museum will be important to you and show people what makes you hopeful.

Below is our Learning and Community Engagement Officer's mini Museum of Hope and what the objects mean.



THE MINI MUSEUM OF HOPE



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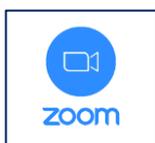


My cats make me smile and are always ready for a hug!



The things I see on my walks remind me to stay hopeful!

My friend wrote me a letter during lockdown, it made me feel happy when I got it.



Even though I can't see my family in person, I love chatting to them on zoom and hope to see them soon.

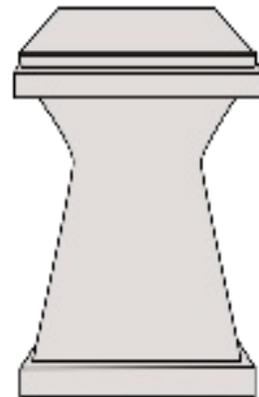
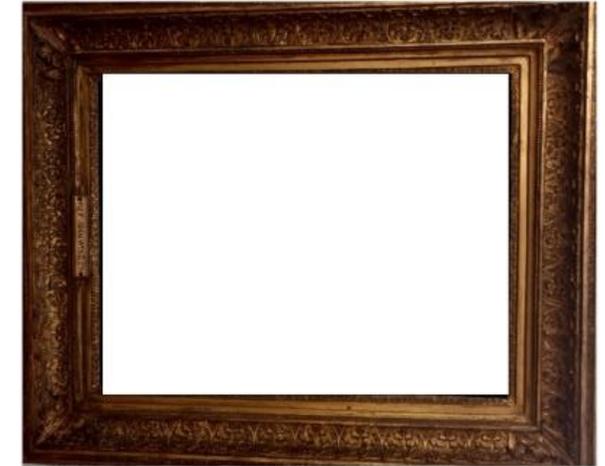
This strawberry plant was tiny and growing between two bricks when I moved into my house. I re-potted it and now it's huge! It shows strength and resilience.



- Feel free to use this template to make your museum display, you can add photos or draw the objects in.
- Alternatively, you could collect your objects and take a photo of them all arranged together. You can also
- have a go at writing a short label for each one, explaining its meaning.



THE MINI MUSEUM OF HOPE





Get inspired!

Giving people hope is a bit like cheering someone up. John Wesley wrote a lot of letters during his life; it was how people kept in touch in the past.

How do you feel when you get a card or letter in the post?

In this activity you can have a go at writing a letter to someone to give them hope and make them smile. If you don't want to write, maybe make a video message to send to a friend or family member.

Letter writing tips

Dear... who is your letter to?

Decorations...feel free to decorate you letter!

Stories...do you have any fun stories to tell?

News...what's new with you?

Would they like a drawing with the letter?

If you are making a video message, think about what you might like to hear from someone. What might the person you are making a message for like to hear?





Thank you! We hope you enjoyed the
activities.

Our next pack will be sent on 27th May.