

# Young People

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## A session for during the Sunday services

### Ice-breaker

Put the young people into teams and give them one minute to see how many stories they can come up with from the Bible where an arrangement comparable to fostering or adoption features (for example, Moses, Esther, Samuel, Jesus). Teams should write their suggestions on large flip-chart paper. (No Google searches on mobile phones allowed!)

### Read, watch and discuss

Read Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 together and then watch a short clip from The Blindsight where Mrs Tuohy picks up Mike walking along the road. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPjYhPGkhGA&list=PLFB1642F673C8D2A6&index=1>

Then discuss the following questions:

- What do the story of Moses' early life and the short clip from The Blindsight have in common?
- What do you think motivated Pharaoh's daughter to rescue Moses? And the Tuohys to take Michael in?
- Who are the different people impacted by the decision to look after a) Moses b) Mike? How did they respond?
- How might it feel if your parents decided to bring someone else into the family? What changes would there be at home?

### Real-life examples

Using some of the stories displayed throughout the pack, explore the theme of siblings and family.

- Who has siblings and who is an only child? What do they like or dislike about each situation?
- What do you think makes a family?
- How is the church a family? How does that affect how we should treat others?

In all things, the activities are aimed at helping the young people to develop empathy, understanding and compassion for those who are in foster care or waiting to be adopted. While many of the issues discussed might be difficult, guide them towards thinking about what they could do to help if they meet children or peers in this situation. Help them to expand their understanding of family from a biblical perspective and consider their role as Christians in caring for those around them.

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