

Intermediate study guide

Ending Homelessness

An concept from the show
'How Do You Follow A Dream'

By Ryan Donn

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How Do You Follow A Dream... Ending Homelessness

We live in a great country, but life doesn't always work out the way that a person dreams. Nobody dreams of being homeless. Nobody plans it, wants it or hopes for it. It can happen for many reasons. During this study, we are going to explore some of the reasons people and families end up homeless and on the street.

During Ryan Donn's cultural performance, you will hear him sing a song that has the following words. Please read them aloud as a class.

Love Will Lead you Home By Ryan Donn

Satellites have gone to sleep
I don't know if I can wake you
From your slumber,
The clock has struck the tears are drying
Underneath this blanket of stars, your laying

If I could hold you close and never let you
Go into the world that breaks you
Take my hand let your heart guide you
Love will lead you home

You're searching hard for sunken treasure
Nothing ever seems to measure up,
Lets go back
Take your time don't loose your focus
Realize that you'll get through this
Just hold on

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Love leads
Love guides
Love holds
Love strives
Love waits
Love heals



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1. When you read the words of 'Love Will Lead you Home' by Ryan Donn, how do you feel? (circle one of the following or fill in your own answer)

Sad Worried Calm Bored Happy Peaceful other: _____

2. What words in the song made you feel that way and why?

3. Have you ever known anyone who was homeless? Yes No

4. Have you or your parents ever been asked for money from someone on the street?

Yes No

5. If your answer is yes, how do you feel when someone on the street is asking you for money? Explain your answer.

6. Why do you think someone would end up homeless?

There are many reasons why a person could end up without a place to live. Here are some of them:

- A family member loses his or her job and the family can no longer afford to make housing payments.
- A natural disaster happens, like a flood, a tornado, a hurricane and it causes great damage to a family's home.
- A person becomes addicted to drugs or alcohol and cannot manage to keep a job and make payments.
- A person has a mental illness and cannot make the decisions he or she needs to keep him or herself safe.

7. Where do people without a home sleep?

There are many places where a person without a home can sleep. Some people have had to sleep:

- In their cars.
- In sleeping bags in local parks or other outdoor places that they can find
- In tents or cardboard shelters
- In shelters that are like apartments. These are often paid for by organizations like the 30 K club and the Salvation Army

8. What can we do to help?

When we hear about the difficult times some people go through we wonder how they are able to survive. There are many things that people can do to help. It is not recommended that you hand money to people on the street, but rather, give in other ways. For example you can give:

- A warm coat
- A warm meal
- A healthy drink like a warm tea, a smoothie or an orange juice
- A blanket

Your family can give money to organizations that offer long term help to people who are homeless. There are many in our community. Some of them are:

- Local soup kitchens such as the Kelowna Gospel Mission
- The Food Bank
- The 30 K Club
- The Salvation Army

9. Can you think of any others?

10. Why do you think giving to these types of agencies may be better than giving directly to people who are homeless?

When one person gives some change to a homeless person that person only has a little money to get through the day and maybe are not in a position to spend it in a healthy way. If many people give to helping organizations that they believe in, those organizations can accomplish big dreams like:

- build affordable housing,
- provide warm healthy meals

- provide health care
- provide addiction recovery

In this world there are three kinds of people:

- those who are in need
- those who are able to meet their needs
- those who are able to meet their needs and give others

Please draw 2 pictures. The first will be a picture of the things you hope to have in your lifetime. The second will be a way you can help those in need.

Here are the things I hope to have in my lifetime!



Here is a way that I hope to help others in need!

