

## Activity Sheet

# Freedom, Responsibility, Creativity

## Freedom

What does it mean to be free?

*Imagine that for one day you could be free to organise the activities at school the way you wanted. Write down what you would do. But remember, you need to include all the things you have to do in school like Maths, English and Science. After you have decided on your day, compare it to what your friends have organised. Discuss how they are different and if you would change any part of your day to fit in with theirs.*

Churches in the United Reformed Church are free to organise their work and worship in the way they want. But they must do it in a way that reflects the way they feel that God would want it done.

They always keep in mind what Jesus taught and try to organise their church life in line with that. This freedom does mean that United Reformed Churches will do things differently from each other.

**Add to this list .....**

Freedom from .....

slavery

hunger

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**Add to this list**

freedom to .....

write

choose

protest

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## Conscience

Freedom of conscience is a basic human dignity. The United Reformed Church recognizes that every person has this right. No one can dictate to another person what that person can or should believe. Christians do have a dilemma when they come to talk about and practice their faith. They must be careful that they respect other people's views and traditions, whilst maintaining their own enthusiasm for their own discoveries of faith

**Think about and discuss with your friends these questions.**

- **What beliefs do you hold passionately?**
- **What situations have you faced when others have tried to take away your freedom of thought or action?**

- ***What can you do to build a community which shares beliefs in common yet which respects the views of individuals?***

## Responsibility

**What does it mean to be responsible?**

***Think about your school playground or the places you play. What would it be like if everyone were free to do whatever they wanted? What rules and agreements do you need to have so that everyone gets a chance to play?***

This is called freedom with responsibility. United Reformed Churches have the freedom to choose the things they do in their churches, but they also have a responsibility to care for their people and to be faithful to God. So they must agree on the best way to follow Jesus' teachings.

## Creativity

**What does it mean to be creative?**

***Using the materials you have been given (paper, card, glue, scissors, string, pens etc) create a mask, house or something similar.***

One of the things about the United Reformed Church is that its members are creative in writing prayers and hymns and other material for worship. They learn how to express ideas about their faith. They also are ready to try out new and different ways of serving the people around their churches. The United Reformed Church uses the materials it has to help people build God's kingdom.

***Write a prayer about Freedom, or Responsibility or Creativity.***