

DAY SIX: Dec 2nd

CHILD BRIDES

Each year 15 million girls are married as children.

The Story of a Child Bride

On her wedding day as an 11-year-old bride, Noora remembers her childish delight at receiving gifts and being thrilled because friends and family gathered for a three-day party in her honour. Noora didn't realise that dressing up as an adult and putting on jewellery meant she was now the bride of a distant cousin. He was three times her age and saw marriage as a means to act like a depraved animal.

(Source: www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2013)

Question:

What is my reaction to this true story?

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Global Facts about Children

- If all children learned to read, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty.
- 29,000 children under the age of five, 21 each minute, die every day from preventable causes.
- 31 million girls of primary school age are out of school (Unesco)
- Over 8 million children are living as refugees in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt.
www.voanews.com/a/unicef www.worldhunger.org/world-child

'**Girls Not Brides**' is a campaign of 'The Elders', a group of former leaders that has become a global partnership of 800 civil society organisations. They are committed to ending child marriage and enabling girls to fulfil their potential. www.girlsnotbrides.org/

POPE FRANCIS has pledged:

"..to work strenuously for the protection of minors and their dignity, including online". He said a coordinated, international approach is needed, to protect children from the "corruption of their minds and violence against their bodies".

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UN Sustainable Development Goals

(SDG): most of these reference women, and children, particularly SDG # 5:

Achieve gender equality and empower all Women and Girls

Target 5.3: *Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.*



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UN Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC)

Article 4: *Governments have a responsibility to ensure children's rights are respected and protected.*

CEDAW Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
Adopted in 1979 with the aim of:

- ✓ Reducing feminized poverty and exclusion
- ✓ Ending violence against women
- ✓ Achieving gender equality during peace and war

Suggest reading this during the **16 Days**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>

ACTION I will take to protect children:

- ✚ See what I can do by reading:
<https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/take-action/>
- ✚ Offer support to organisations working to protect and look after children's welfare.
- ✚ Campaign to ensure all children receive their basic rights in my country.

<https://en.unesco.org/gem-report/sites/>
<http://srsq.violenceagainstchildren.org>

Prepared by the 'Future We Need' (FWN) a faith-based group, with members from the Columbans, Franciscans, Josephites, Mercy, Presentation and Salesians

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...



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Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence.

CHILD MARRIAGE....



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15 million girls under the age of 15 years are married each year.

See www.pbvm.org

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...



DAY 6...

30th November

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