TOPIC: RIGHTS/RESPONSIBILITIES

GRADE: 5

CURRICULUM NOTES

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that all human beings are born free and equal. They are entitled to basic rights and freedoms:

a) Speech and movement

b) Religion

c) Peaceful assembly

d) Free primary education

e) Work and employment

However, they are to be protected from:

a) Torture and slavery

b) Degradation

c) Arbitrary arrest and exile

The Bible contains several passages that relate to the basic rights of humans. Colossians 3:11 and Galatians 3:28 tell us that we should not discriminate. Proverbs 14:31 gives warnings against oppressing the poor. Leviticus 19:10 states that we must provide for the poor. Ephesians 4:28 encourages everyone to earn an honest living.

As previously stated, all human beings have rights. With these rights come the responsibility to act within the confines of the law and to respect the rights and opinions of others. Galatians 5:13 states that even though we are free, we must be controlled by love.

Because the rights of individuals are not protected in all countries around the world, individuals should be grateful for the rights they enjoy in The Bahamas. This gratitude can be expressed verbally. More importantly it should be demonstrated in our daily attitudes and conduct.

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