



# Youth Activity: VISION MAPS

## OBJECTIVES

Youth will explore, discuss, and identify ways to respond to world disasters and crisis. Youth will identify places where they see the presence of God in the world and will envision how they can embody God's love. Youth will articulate their hopes for the world through vision maps.

## SUPPLIES

News articles, push pins, display board, scissors, adhesive, recycling bin and markers. Alternatively, the youth may choose to use digital media technology, if available.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Youth are encouraged to find two sets of articles/images from published sources (print or online). One set of articles should identify places in our society where there are “needs,” “hurting and suffering,” and/or evidence of the social challenges mentioned in Matthew 25:31-46. The second set of articles should identify ways “God is here,” “We are here with others,” and “God is present in those with whom we connect.”

Youth will then create a **“You Are Here Vision Map”** using the articles/images collected. These maps show how they youth would like to see the world transform. Push pins or Sticky Notes Strips may be used to label “locations” on the map. The youth may creatively design the map to illustrate their location as a youth group; the location of the church or society at-large. Encourage creative expression designing the map. Recycle.

If using digital resources, consider creating the vision maps on Google Maps or by using the hashtag #YouAre-Here on Instagram, Twitter, or other social media. Ask the youth to tag @WkofCompassion and their congregation and friends.

Find ways the youth can share their vision maps—print or digital—with the congregation.

## PROCESSING:

How do the articles selected speak to the main scripture and Week of Compassion mission? What can be done as a faith community to affirm and/or reposition our ministries to respond to suffering, hurting and hardships in our society and world? Can the Week of Compassion offering be an action step for the faith community? How can youth be visionaries and share in creating roadmaps for justice, peace, and God's love? Where can the Week of Compassion offering be placed on the vision board?

