

# SEEKING REFUGE

## RACHEL'S STORY – A JOURNEY FROM A COUNTRY IN EURASIA

1. Before watching the film about Rachel, read the extract from a newspaper article and compare the figures about the numbers of religious groups in Germany and the Middle East.

### Some 100,000 Christians killed per year over faith, Vatican says

A staggering 100,000 Christians are killed annually because of their faith, according to the Vatican – and several human rights

groups claim such anti-Christian violence (displacement, destruction of churches, rape, etc.) is on the rise in countries like Pakistan, Nigeria and Egypt. „Two hundred million Christians currently live under persecution. It’s absolutely on the rise,“ Jeff King, the group’s

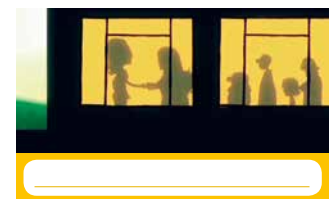
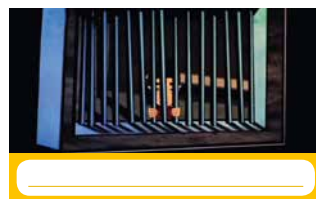
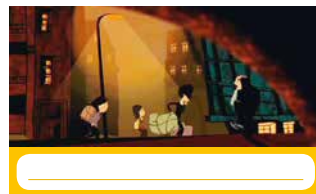
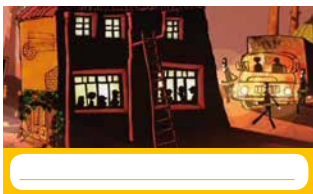
president, told FoxNew.com. „Anti-Christian violence is on the increase throughout the world, especially throughout North Africa and the Middle East.“ (adapted from FOXNews.com, June 2nd, 2013)

### Christians in Germany and the Middle East

REGION	TOTAL POPULATION	CHRISTIAN	% CHRISTIAN
Germany	81,147,265	48,092,817	58.8
Middle East	365,305,000	17,354,00	4.75

2. Why, do you think, Christians are persecuted in the Middle East and other countries?

3. After watching the film look at this mind map and put the captions under the corresponding picture taken from the film. Then give an oral or written report about Rachel and her family. Add as much information from Rachel’s report as possible.



- Escaping to the United Kingdom for the first time
- Religious persecution of Rachel’s Christian family in her home country
- Escaping to the United Kingdom for the second time
- Rachel’s childhood dreams come true
- Rachel is dreaming of becoming a lawyer of international law to help persecuted people all over the world
- Rachel and her family in a British detention centre

4. Find the worst ten countries for persecution of Christians on a world map.

1. North Korea | 2. Saudi Arabia | 3. Afghanistan | 4. Iraq | 5. Somalia | 6. Maldives | 7. Mali | 8. Iran | 9. Yemen | 10. Eritrea

5. Find out about the religious groups and their share of the total population. What kind of countries are these in terms of religion?

6. Imagine a discussion of Rachel’s family about whether they should leave their home country or not. Write a dialogue in which the family members talk about why and if they should leave, where they could go, how they could escape, what problems they might face in a new country and what they hope their future will bring. You can act out this dialogue in class.