

STEP THREE

CALLED TO CARE

AUDREY MAE
age: 8



PHILIPPINES





BIG IDEA



WE ARE CALLED TO CARE



TODAY'S STEP

Begin by having one family member read this section aloud:

As we follow Jesus together, He calls us to care for people in need. We all have needs we can see, like food, water, shelter, and clothing. And we all have needs we can't see, like love, hope, play, and safety. When someone lives with unmet needs, they are experiencing something we call "poverty."

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TODAY'S STEP *Continued*

Have everyone take a turn answering:

How would you describe “poverty” in your own words?

Poverty is more than just lacking material things. It is a sense of living without hope. Throughout the Bible, God shows us that, because God cares about all people, He is brokenhearted when people live in poverty. But as we live out our calling to care, we get to meet the needs of others and help them discover the hope they need. We are changed as well, as we become more like the people Jesus wants us to be.

Let’s head to the Philippines now to see more from Audrey Mae’s community. Audrey Mae is 8 years old and her neighborhood is located below a very large dump site. Her grandmother gets up each morning and climbs to the dump to look for recyclables or items that can be resold secondhand. Today we’ll get to see her school and home.

As we watch, let’s think about the ways our family and our home are similar to and different from Audrey Mae’s.

WE KNOW WHAT REAL LOVE IS BECAUSE JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR US. SO WE ALSO OUGHT TO GIVE UP OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IF SOMEONE HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO LIVE WELL AND SEES A BROTHER OR SISTER IN NEED BUT SHOWS NO COMPASSION—HOW CAN GOD'S LOVE BE IN THAT PERSON? DEAR CHILDREN, LET'S NOT MERELY SAY THAT WE LOVE EACH OTHER; LET US SHOW THE TRUTH BY OUR ACTIONS. — 1 JOHN 3:16-18, NLT





WATCH VIRTUAL REALITY VIDEO 3:



AUDREY MAE'S SCHOOL, CHILD
DEVELOPMENT CENTER & HOME

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TALK ABOUT IT

After viewing the virtual reality video, talk together about the following:

- What did you see that surprised you? What did you see that confused you? What are some ways our family and home are similar to Audrey Mae's? What are some ways our family and home are different?
- What is one thing that might be hard for Audrey Mae's family based on what you've seen or heard?
- Let's think for a minute about our own needs. ***Have everyone take a turn sharing something they know they need.*** How does that need get met? Is there a person or group of people that help meet that need for you?
- Now let's think about the needs of people experiencing material poverty. How do those needs get met? What might God be asking our family to do to help meet those needs for people near and far who experience poverty?



OUR NEXT STEP



ACTIVITY

Have each person grab a piece of paper and trace their foot. In the footprint, write this prayer: “God, what is my next step?” Commit together to praying this prayer all week long, and next week you’ll have time to decide together what next step God is asking your family to take.



PRAY TOGETHER

Dear God, as we think about your call to care for people experiencing poverty, we ask you simply: What is our next step? Help us hear your voice speaking to us this week. In your name, Amen.



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