

WHO NEEDS COMPASSION?

moms everywhere



Devotionals: Global Citizens



PRAY TO START

Ask God for His guidance as you think about how you're linked to people all around the world.

DISCUSSION STARTER

Each person will need a copy of the Global Citizen sheet from this PDF. Within your family, group or class, talk to each person and try to find someone who can write their name in each section.

WHAT IS A GLOBAL CITIZEN?

We are all global citizens, whether we realize it or not. We rely on many people around the world for the food we eat and the clothes we wear. When you filled out the Global Citizen sheet in the discussion starter, did you look at where your clothes were made? If not, take a look at the labels now.

Next time you are in a grocery store, look at where your fruit and vegetables were grown. Very often they have traveled a long way to get to your local shop.

As so much of what we do and buy affects people from different countries, we need to make sure that they are treated well and receive a fair amount for their work.

One of the best ways of making sure this happens is to look for a Fair Trade mark.

It is a guarantee that the people involved in producing your food were paid well for their work.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28, NIV

A THOUGHT

As Christians we are part of God's Kingdom no matter which country we live in. We are citizens of His Kingdom.

One of the most wonderful things I have experienced when traveling to different countries has been to go to churches where I didn't know anyone. Each time I have been welcomed in and made to feel at home. Even though I'm not in my own country with my own friends or church group, the loving Christians in these countries have greeted me as part of their family. And as the Bible says, I *am* part of their family!

The Bible says that we are part of the same family if we are Christians. We are all one in Christ Jesus. We're part of God's family.

Jesus shows us this throughout the Gospels as He is friends with people no matter what the rest of society thinks about them. He shows us how to love other people, even those people who are completely different from us.

He not only showed us how to love other people, but He died on the cross and rose again, taking all of the bad things we've done and will ever do, so that we can be free to be loved by God. He died to give life to not just a few special people, but to everyone who believes in Him.

How can you help your sponsored child to feel more like a part of your family? Write down some ideas together. Are there any things that you do together or ways that you celebrate that you could include your sponsored child in?

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WHY NOT...

Try out a recipe from another country. It could be from your sponsored child's country or any other country. Visit compassion.com/where-we-work.htm for information, including recipes, from each of the countries where Compassion works.

You could even make an evening of it and think of other ways to carry on your country theme. Perhaps through what you wear, or the music you listen to. You could use our Where We Work pages as a starting point to learn about the language, people and to find out what it must be like to live there.

PRAYER

Pray for God's help as you look for new ways to be a great global and Kingdom citizen.

Do you know much about each person in your family or group? Play this game and find out how global they are! Talk to each person and see if you can fill out all of the spaces below.

HAS TRAVELED TO A DIFFERENT COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

HAS LIVED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

CAN SAY SOMETHING IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE

NAME:

COUNTRY:

LIKES MUSIC FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

HAS LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT ANOTHER COUNTRY FROM TV RECENTLY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

LIKES EATING FOOD FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

HAS READ A BOOK ABOUT ANOTHER COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

KNOWS THE NAME OF A SPORTS PLAYER FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

HAS A FRIEND FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

NAME:

COUNTRY:

IS WEARING SOMETHING MADE IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY

[look at the label in your clothes]

NAME:

COUNTRY: