

# 03.

LET'S GO TO SCHOOL

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## TODAY'S STEP:

Walk along with Tom and Nancy's second youngest, Isaac, as he shows us what it's like at his school.



## TODAY'S BIG IDEA:

Living from enough shows us how Jesus uses small acts for great results.

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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Get ready to play today's video, "Enough education" at [stepintomyshoes.org/resources](http://stepintomyshoes.org/resources), Step 03 or from your DVD.



## READ JOHN 6:9-13

**Say:** Let's step into the shoes of the boy who gave his lunch. The Bible doesn't tell us much about him, other than what he packed to eat that day.

As we wonder together about this passage, it's okay if we don't know the answers to these questions. We can use our imaginations to think about what it was like to be there,

**Ask:** I wonder...

...if he offered his food or if a disciple found him and asked?

...if he worried about going hungry once he offered his meal?

...what he felt about Jesus?

...what made the boy's lunch multiply?

...how one lunch fed all those people?



**Say:** When all we have is something small to offer, we can feel pretty hopeless. The boy probably thought his lunch was too small to make any significant difference. But Jesus used something small for great results. And He can do that through us, too.

When we go with Isaac to his school now, I want you to look for the small thing he offers.



WATCH VIDEO: "ENOUGH EDUCATION" [03:12]

**Ask:** What offering does Isaac make to his classmate?

Why might sharing what we have with others make us feel glad?

So far, as we're learning about people in poverty, do you feel like God could use you to make a difference? Why or why not?

Thinking about our own lives and our family, I wonder what Jesus might want to do with what we have to offer Him, even if it's small?



PRAY

**Say:** God, We love You and we are grateful for the gifts You have given to us, including the chance to learn new things. We offer our family's gifts to You like the boy gave his lunch, trusting that You can make small gifts do big things. In Jesus' name, Amen.



BONUS FOR KIDS

To learn more about school days in Uganda, go to page 14 of your *Compassion Explorer Magazine*.



# SCHOOL BLESSING ACTIVITY

**Say:** Let's think about something we have that God can use to bless others. We're going to come up with something we can do in the next few days.

## KID IDEAS (BLESSING PEOPLE AT SCHOOL):

- Create a thank-you card for your bus driver, teacher, classroom volunteer, custodian, or crossing guard.
- Bring something small or bake a treat to share. Give one to a friend and one to a child who's not yet your friend.

\*If your school allows food sharing, make two snacks: One to give to your teacher and one to ask your teacher to give to a child who might need it.

**PARENT IDEAS:** If you have something you could do for a coworker or neighbor, create something at the same time as your kids. And if your kids won't be at a school, find some other local way to share a small blessing with others. For example, they could make a card or picture for someone going through a hard time or an older adult at your church.



## PRAY

**Say:** Let's put the gifts we made here on the table. These are offerings to God, like the boy's loaves and fish. And they may seem small, but God can use them in big ways. We're going to hold hands around our gifts to God and ask Him to use them.

**Pray:** God, We love You and we are grateful for the gifts You have given to us, including the chance to get an education. Thank You for Isaac and his schoolmates. We offer our gifts to You like the boy gave his lunch, trusting that You can make small gifts do big things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# READ TOGETHER

“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

Jesus said, ‘Have the people sit down.’

There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down [about five thousand men were there].

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.’ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.”

John 6: 9–13 NIV