

Ordinary Time, Proper 18

World Hunger Emphasis Day



The Children's Illustrated Bible

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—Proverbs 22:2, 9 adapted

Choose the Poor

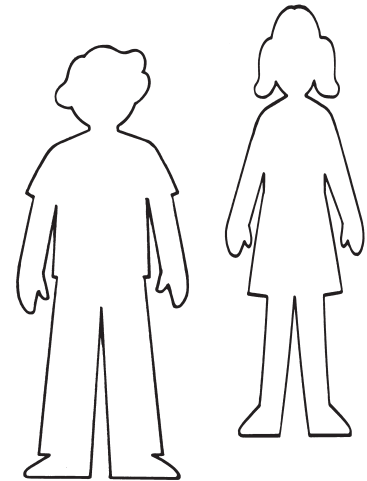
Show kids the pictures of children around the world on pages 6 and 7 of *A Life Like Mine* by DK Publishing and UNICEF. Discuss how they are different/the same as kids in the class. For the next few months, we're going to learn about the Rights of the Child. One of the most important rights is to *wipe out poverty*. What is poverty? Discuss a definition together and write it on a chalkboard.

In the scriptures, God reminds us to care for the poor by sharing food, clothing, shelter, health care, friendship, and the good news of Jesus. Read the scriptures on our Christian response to poverty from Proverbs 22:2, 9. What does it say the rich and poor have in common? What kind of fasting does God want? The United Nations wants poverty to go away within a single generation. That means before you have children of your own. How many years will that be? We have _____ years to eliminate poverty! Do you think we can do it? What can we do about poverty in our town? in the world?

Standing Waiting

Around the world, many children are standing waiting to help. Create pictures of children from other countries this way: Tape butcher paper to the wall. Trace each child's silhouette (head and shoulders or full body) on a sheet of paper by shining a bright light on them, casting a shadow on the paper. Kids may then fill in the eyes, nose, mouth, hair, skin color, and clothing of a child from another country.

Have kids label their drawing telling where their kid is from. These may be used for the worship service.



Letters Work, Too!

For World Hunger Emphasis Day, all offerings will be given to the World Hunger Fund. Bread for the World also asks for an "offering of letters" to be sent to members of Congress or Parliament encouraging support for hunger-related legislation.

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**Write a letter in the space below to help those
who are hungry.**