Compassion® Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

Sample Presentation Outline

Here's a sample presentation outline to help get you started. But don't forget, this is your story. Nobody can tell it better than you. Make this presentation your own — sharing your heart and how God has worked in your child sponsorship experience.

Start with this ...

"Hi! My name is [your name]. It's so great to see everyone here. Today is Compassion Sunday. Christians in churches across the country are speaking out and sharing their story of child sponsorship on behalf of children living in poverty who are waiting. I want to share a quick video that shows the life of a child living in poverty, as well as the life-changing impact of Compassion child sponsorship."

Show the video here ...

This would be a great place, if you can, to show the video. If not, just move to the next section.

Share your story now ...

"I know the truth of this video. I've lived it. I've experienced firsthand how child sponsorship changes lives. It's changed my life. [Your sponsored child's name] was waiting for me. And I'm so glad I said 'YES!'"

This is where you could share some background information about your child including where he/she lives, his/her age and how long you've been a sponsor.

- Show picture(s) and letters you received and even share a meaningful experience.
- Share how reading your child's letters and getting to know them and watching them grow has blessed you ... and the prayer you pray on his/her behalf. You could even share how your relationship has helped you better understand God, the Gospel and the verses in the Bible that talk about "speaking up" for those living in poverty.

Notes

There are millions of children living in poverty who ...

- Are forced to work to help pay bills and can't go to school
- Don't have safe water or electricity
- Can't afford medicine or doctor's visits when they are sick
- Go to bed hungry many nights

Throughout the Bible, God calls us to care for the poor. Your Compassion Sunday event will help raise up more sponsors to help release more children from poverty.

- It would be meaningful to share how sponsorship has brought your family together. How it's opened different doors with talking to your kids about the importance of generosity and loving others.

- If you know there are other sponsors in the audience, recognize them by asking them to stand up. It will make your event even more effective if there's more sponsors people can speak with.

Support your presentation from the Scriptures

This is a good place to read a Scripture about the poor, poverty or caring for children. And share how your child sponsorship helps you understand it in a new light. (See page 8 for some Scripture ideas.)

Start to wrap it all up

You can reference the video and say, "Did you see how much the letters meant to the kids and how they called their sponsors Mom and Dad? Can you imagine a child living in poverty calling you Mom or Dad? What a great privilege! We have so much to share — our love, our prayers, our letters — the impact of sponsorship is real. In your life, and in the lives of children in need. As a child sponsor, you'll help show children who need to hear it the most that their lives matter."

Save the call to action for the end ... and be clear

"If God is calling you to sponsor a child, I encourage you to go out to that sponsorship table [give the specific location] and find them, because there's a child there that needs you. You can start your sponsorship experience today."

It would be good to hold up a few child packets at this time. You can even share their names, ages and the countries they're from.

Notes

Speaking tips!

- Speak from your heart, and don't rely on statistics
- Practice your presentation
- Smile and don't feel rushed
- Concentrate on the message, not yourself
- PRAY