

Day 2: Helping Our Neighbors

✦ Catholic Social Teaching: Call to Community, Family, and Participation

Say: Yesterday we heard the story of how Maabisi was able to feed her grandchildren when CRS taught her how to make a keyhole garden. Stories like that, real-life stories, can sometimes make us wonder how we can help out. But, just as Maabisi and her grandchildren know, we know that **family and friends help us stand strong!** With God's love and the help of our families and friends, we can act and do our best to help others take care of themselves. As Catholics, we believe that all people deserve housing, clothing, food, employment, and medicine. We are all in this world together.

Today we are going to learn about some people in Cameroon, another country in Africa that has problems with hunger. These people didn't just sit around feeling sad and watching the people around them go hungry. In a city in Cameroon called Batouri, people like Benoit Ngonsi [pronounced en-gon-see] and Ida Nsangih Ndi [pronounced en-san-gee en-dee] help orphans and children in need—children like Beatrice and Edwige, who often have nothing to eat but cassava, a bad-tasting root that can be poisonous if it isn't prepared properly.

Benoit and Ida work hard through a CRS-supported project to help kids like Beatrice and Edwige, caring for their needs the way their parents would if they could. Now more than five hundred children in this part of Cameroon receive food and other things they need.

Doesn't this story make you feel thankful to learn how these people helped their neighbors? Let's use our grateful hearts to push us to help others and to share what we have with others—and to remember that we are all part of one human family.

Talk About It

- * How can we follow Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves?
- * How can our families and friends remind us that we are all part of one human family?

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Tip From the

TOWER

If time permits, lead kids in singing "Gifts" from the *Sing & Play Rock Leader CD* (Track 27). The words are on page 102 of the station leader manual.

