

Day 4: Working for Change

❖ Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Say: Do you ever wonder if it's easier to trust God when things are going well in your life? Thomas, our friend from yesterday, had many challenges in his life. He could have given up, but he chose to make the best of things by helping as many people as he can. Like Thomas, we know that **trusting God helps us stand strong!**

When he's giving talks about hunger in Ghana, Thomas tells the story of how he smelled food cooking at a CRS-supported school. He decided to attend school to eat, and it changed his life. That decision, he says, "empowered me for life." Thomas understands that we are all one human family, and we are all called to care for each other.

People can make a difference, even from thousands of miles away. In Malawi, almost half of the children under 5 years old suffer from stunted growth because they don't get enough to eat. But thanks to the Lusubilo Orphan Care Project, there's hope. And Lusubilo is able to help more children than ever because of one family: the Coppel family in Mexico.

The Coppel family had learned about the children suffering in Malawi and decided to help by bearing witness to the Gospel message of feeding the poor. Thanks to the Coppels and other donors, Lusubilo now helps 9,000 children.

The Coppels, along with others like them, have shared what they have to help the least among us. They trusted God and followed his Gospel message. We can do the same, no matter where we live.

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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.

Talk About It

- ❖ What do you think inspired Thomas and the Coppels to help others fight hunger?
- ❖ Both Thomas and the Coppels show that we are all part of the human family. How do you show solidarity with all of your brothers and sisters in Christ?

