

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.

Day 5: Making Life Better

✦ Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity of the Human Family

Say: The people we've talked about this week are fighting hunger on the other side of the world and we're here. But hunger isn't just a faraway problem; there's hunger in our own country, too. Can we make a difference? You bet.

Like the Coppels, we can follow the Gospel message to feed the hungry. We know that **the Bible helps us stand strong!** We know that we are called to help the least among us, and that our work here, our money gathering to help fight hunger around the world, and our prayers can make a huge difference in the lives of people.

And as we talked about on Day 1 when we learned about keyhole gardens, CRS does more than provide food. CRS also helps people feed their families and even earn money for other things they need. Here's a story about how some women in Afghanistan went from losing their children to hunger to feeding their families.

Khaire Nesa lost her son to hunger when he was five years old. Now she leads a woman's self-help group. In villages across Afghanistan, these groups bring together women who want to earn money, and CRS helps them start small home-based businesses.

CRS helped Khaire's group start a bakery by providing two ovens, flour, cooking oil, baking powder and raisins. Now each woman in the group takes home an \$8 profit each week—a lot of money in this poor country—and they can give their children enough to eat. Lives are being saved.

We are all called, as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, to stand together with those in need. We call this being in solidarity with others; we are one human family. We may not have to worry about getting enough to eat, but our faith tells us that we must care about what affects others. There are things we can do—we can ask people to donate money on our birthday, we can donate some of our allowance or money we earn doing chores, or we can ask our friends and families to help fight hunger, too.

We stand together to feed the hungry! We can do it—we stand strong! God's love, family and friends, prayer, trusting God, and the Bible all help us stand strong. Together we can make a difference to fight hunger.

Talk About It

- ✦ What do you think about giving up some things to help fight hunger? Do you think you could do that? Why or why not?
- ✦ What do you think it means to be in solidarity with someone? For example, how can you stand in solidarity with someone being bullied at school? How can you stand in solidarity with a community battling hunger far away?

