

Good Morning, Boys and Girls:

Today's gospel story is about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. The rich man got more than enough but refused to give to a poor man named Lazarus. God was not happy with the rich man. Let me tell you a story about a boy in Africa but before I tell you this story let us look at what I am holding (*show them the trash bag and a shopping bag*).

Is anyone hungry this morning? (*Show them your bags*). I have with me a shopping bag and a trash bag. In a shopping bag we will find what?... (*Candies, cookies, cheese, bread, milk vegetable.....*)

I have got a real treat for you also. Now let dig out our garbage bag. Let us imagine what is in a garbage bag. What sort of food do you think we will find in a trash bag? (*Spoiled food, foods that are not ok for human, rotten eggs, egg shells, empty milk bottles, stale bread....*) Ah, I see some bones, some egg shells, some potato peels. Does that sound good...? Do you want me to put this on a plate for you?.....

Of course none of you boys and girls would ever want to eat from a garbage bag. However, do you know that in Mexico, Africa, Asia and even here in the United States there are boys and girls who have to eat garbage or else they would starve to death? That's awful, is that not so?

What have you done to help hungry people? (*get some suggestions*). You can give them fresh food/canned goods (through school/ church/humanitarian organizations). Can you name any organization that provides food for the hungry...? (*Shepherd's Table, Feed The Hungry*). You can also pray for them, ok. (*silence*).

I want to tell you about a young boy like yourself called Adeyeme. Early last year, while in Africa, eleven-year-old Adeyeme was on the verge of dropping out of the fourth grade. That is not cool at all. (*Ask how they feel about Adeyeme dropping from school...*).

"We were worried," said the principal of his school. "He is a clever student."

When asked why he was not coming to school when he is such a good student, Adeyeme said, "I was too hungry. I stayed home to make sure that I got something to eat."

Adeyeme lives in Africa, a village 13 miles from the small school. Every school day he walks three hours each way through extreme heat and rugged terrain to attend class....What takes you to school?...

Adeyeme's plight is not uncommon in Africa, it's all over Africa. Some kids travel just the same way, but what was different with Adeyeme is that he does not have breakfast, lunch, nor snack in between and worst of it he does not have a choice when it comes to dinner.

What about you... Do you have food? Do you have clothes? Do you walk to school?

Do you have a choice when it comes to food? Do you eat as and when you feel like?

Do you know who is doing that for you? Jesus!!!!!!!!!!!! Yes it is Jesus; Jesus loves all children and provides food for you through your parent so that you too will provide food for others like Adeyemi.

Let us have a deal. Will you give to the less fortunate?if so, let us pray...
Let sing the hymn "*Jesus loves me this I know*"