

Global Poverty Reflection Walk

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

SET UP

The Global Poverty Reflection Walk is easy to set up. You will need a room or space large enough to fit six stations. Each of the stations will have an image, an object and a corresponding reflection. Feel free to embellish the space with candles or small lights, and to play soft music during the walk.

MATERIALS

Collect the following objects from your home for the Reflection Walk:

- Bread
- \$2
- A cup of water
- A picture, toy or model of a house
- A piece of cloth
- A framed photo of family or friends
- Slips of paper, pens or pencils, and a container for the closing reflection

Print:

- Opening instructions
- The six images
- The six reflections
- Closing reflection
- Optional: copies of the Family Reflection Guide, if families with small children will be participating in the walk

Set up the Reflection Walk objects in the order listed above, hanging the corresponding images and reflections near them. The images and reflections are numbered so that you can easily pair them up. Be sure to hang the opening instructions and closing reflection at the beginning and end of the walk, respectively, and place the paper, pens or pencils and container near the closing reflection. If families are participating in the Reflection Walk, place copies of the Family Reflection Guide at the beginning of the walk.

FACILITATING THE WALK

To ensure that everyone is able to see the images, objects and reflections, break your group into smaller groups of 5-10 people, depending on the size of your space. You should also stagger the entrance times for each small group, as each small group will proceed through the walk in the same order.

At the beginning of the Reflection Walk, tell participants:

- The Reflection Walk will help them pray and reflect on the realities of global poverty.
- The walk is entirely self-guided and includes objects, images and reflections.

Depending on your preference, instruct participants to debrief after the walk by considering the closing reflection questions either silently or with their small group. Finally, make participants aware of any time constraints.

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FAMILY REFLECTION GUIDE

BREAD

When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to give us our “daily bread.” What are you asking for when you ask God for your “daily bread?” Many of our poorest brothers and sisters don’t have enough to eat—let’s remember them as we pray the Our Father.

SECURITY

Can you think of anything you can buy for \$2? Some of our brothers and sisters around the world only have \$2 to pay for everything they need during a whole day. That’s why it’s important to share what we have with people in need.

WATER

Can you think of some of the ways you use water every day? What would happen if you didn’t have water to do those things? Sometimes our poorest brothers and sisters don’t have enough water—and that makes life very difficult for them.

HOME

How would you describe your home? What are your favorite parts? Many of our brothers and sisters around the world have homes that look different from ours—some don’t have electricity or bathrooms inside—but they love their homes very much, just like you love your home.

WORK

What do you want to be when you grow up? How does it make you feel to imagine doing that job? Our brothers and sisters around the world also feel excited when they learn how to do a job that helps them earn a living.

FAMILY

Who are the members of your family? What is a family? This is a picture of Edith. She is a child of God, just like you and all other humans on Earth. We’re all members of God’s family!

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which station was your favorite? Why?

What did you learn about our brothers and sisters around the world?

Conclude your walk by writing a prayer for our one human family and placing it in the container below.