

Sample Presentation for Compassion Sponsors

When the Full Service Is Dedicated to Compassion Sunday

The Sample Presentation below provides an overview of key elements when the entire service is dedicated to Compassion Sunday. As you will see, your customized "Share Your Heart" presentation is included.

If you haven't already done so, one of your next steps will be to meet with your church leadership to plan the service and determine where your presentation and the video will be positioned in the service. Remember, this is your event, your pastor, your church. The sample service below is merely a guide to help you plan your own customized event.

Worship Music

The following URL provides suggested worship songs and hymns that build on the Compassion Sunday theme:

compassionmedia.com/compassionsunday/CS2018-Worship_Songs_and_Hymns.pdf

Welcome and Introduction

Whether it's your pastor, a worship leader or a member of your church, Compassion Sunday can be introduced as follows:

"Today is Compassion Sunday. Our church is joining with churches across the country in a movement to release children from poverty around the world. We are speaking out and sharing stories of child sponsorship. Later in the service we'll hear about the experience [Host'sFirstName] in our congregation has had with Compassion and see a video."

Message/Sermon

Your pastor may already have a message that speaks of God's call for His people to help the poor. If not, there are sample sermons other pastors have used for Compassion Sunday at: CompassionSunday.com/Pastors

Pastor Introduces You

The best place for your presentation is at the end of the service as a wrap-up and call to action. Pastors will typically introduce you and communicate to the congregation that you sponsor a child through Compassion and that you are planning to share a video to help them see the great need.

Your "Share Your Heart" Presentation

Length: 10-15 minutes (including the video)

Hi! My name is [Host'sFirstname]. It's so great to see everyone here.



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This morning I want to introduce you to the child I sponsor in [Country] through Compassion International. [His/Her] name is [Childname] and [he/she] lives in a very poor part of [Country]. I've been sponsoring [him/her] for [X years, Y months]. I believe so much in sponsorship, and in Compassion, that I want to invite you to also sponsor a child. But first, take a look at this quick video ...

[show video]

Wow. You heard Ablavi say that they had no money and no food. Night after night, this beautiful girl went to bed hungry because her family was so poor. The video didn't show you this, but Ablavi's father had to go to another town to find work, leaving Ablavi and her mother on their own. Can you imagine? A single parent, raising kids without the basics of life? Wondering how you'll eat? Whether you'll be safe? If your children will starve? This story is overwhelming ... but it's so common.

In fact, there's a table set up [give the specific location] displaying information about children just like Ablavi who are waiting for sponsors. After Ablavi was sponsored, her mother said, "We are so happy because now we have left poverty behind forever."

That is the power of sponsorship. It's why I sponsor [Childname].

[Insert your own personal message here. Perhaps include what led you to begin sponsoring, how you chose your child and what you've learned through your sponsorship experience.]

Sponsoring [Childname] has helped me better understand God's heart for the poor and suffering. Matthew 25:35-36 says, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me ..."* This is what Jesus calls us to do!

And it's why I'm inviting you to find a child of your own to sponsor today. Your sponsorship is unique and child-specific. It's a special relationship where you can exchange personal letters with the child and your gifts directly support the little boy or girl you have chosen. Many sponsors choose their child based on name, age or country.

What if you could release a child from poverty forever? If God is calling you to help a child, would you please come see me at the sponsorship table?

Compassion is a trustworthy organization that has been around for more than 60 years. It's a Christian ministry with very high financial integrity and accountability. They only work through local churches in poor communities — like the one my sponsored child lives in. The money I give as a sponsor helps my specific child and helps a local church minister to



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the poorest of the poor in their community. Compassion meets physical needs like hunger, clean water, education and health care. But they also introduce children to Jesus. It's amazing, and I want you to be part of it.

The impact of sponsorship is real — sponsorship will change not only the life of your child, but YOUR life too! I am a different person today than I was before I began sponsoring. I pray for my child and for children in poverty. I give more of my time and resources. And I volunteer more. God has certainly used my sponsorship of [Childname] to change me ... and I know He would use it to change you as well.

There are too many children waiting for us to stand up for them. Let's do that today!

Thank you for your time. I look forward to talking with you more at the table.

End of service

Pastors typically close the service with a prayer or benediction that will echo the Compassion Sunday theme. Many will also remind people to visit you at the Compassion Sunday table. Some will set a goal for the congregation, saying something like: "Our goal today is to sponsor [X] children. If God is calling you to sponsor a child, please go see [Host'sFirstName] at the sponsorship table right after the service."

Show "Exit" video

NOTE: Be sure to take advantage of additional online resources including Bible verses, poverty facts, church notices, activities for children and youth and more! Visit

CompassionSunday.com/Plan-Your-Event

