

# COMPASSION PRESENTATION

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

*– Proverbs 31:8-9, NIV*

Thank you for using your voice to speak for children living in poverty. Below is a simple script and guidelines to help you create your Compassion sponsorship appeal during your event.

## Set up Compassion Partnership (2-3 minutes):

- Share your event's vision to help children in extreme poverty around the world.
- Share your personal connection/endorsement. This could be a story about your experience as a sponsor, a story about a trip to a third world country where you saw poverty firsthand or simply your heart to help those in need.
- Introduce the Compassion presentation video.

## Compassion Video (3-4 minutes, depending on video choice)

### Appeal to Sponsor (1-2 minutes):

- "Today, you and I have a special opportunity to help release a child from poverty, simply by saying yes to sponsoring a child with Compassion."
- "When you sponsor a child like those we just saw in the video, you make sure they get the basic necessities we often take for granted, like access to education and medical care, having enough food, vocational training and learning about Jesus, all through their local church."
- "It's \$38 dollars a month to sponsor a child. That is just over \$1/day."  
(Tie this to something your audience values. For instance, "that's just a few Starbucks drinks a month.")
- "There is a child just like this little guy/girl (hold up a child packet, and read the child's name, age, and country) who needs someone like you to change their world. Please ask yourself, are you willing to change your life — just a little — in order to change a child's whole world?"

## Packet Pass Instructions (4-5 minutes):

- **“We have ushers in the aisles, and I want to ask each of you right now ...”**
- **“If you want to consider sponsoring a child with Compassion, just raise your hand.”**
- **“Keep your hand up, and our volunteers will pass a child packet to you now.”**  
*(Help volunteers get to the raised hands, keep encouraging the audience and give them time to respond. Cover this time with a meaningful story or scriptures about helping the poor. Allow enough time for ushers to walk up and down the aisles a couple of times.)*
- **“Take a moment and look at the child packet you receive. That’s the ONLY packet for that particular child.”**
- **“Just raising your hand doesn’t sponsor a child. To start your sponsorship ...”**
  1. **“Simply fill out the front and back of the form in the packet.”** *(Pull out the form, and show it to the audience.)*
  2. **“And turn in your form to Compassion’s booth today.”** *(Point out the booth location.)*
- **“It’s \$38/month to change that child’s whole life.”**
- **“We can change our lives — just a little — to change a child’s whole world! Simply turn in your form before you leave today and release a child from poverty in Jesus’ name.”**
- *Make it clear to the audience that they need to respond by returning their completed packets during the break.*
- *If for some reason the presentation is not right before a break, please also include an announcement/reminder right before the break to return their packets to the Compassion booth.*