

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The School Partnership Program provides youth with a deep understanding of global poverty. Through immersive videos, real stories, and educational activities, students gain empathy and compassion as their eyes are opened to the realities of poverty. Groups have an opportunity to take action as they learn how the church helps those in need. By participating in Project Coin Pak, students can provide meals for children in poverty by collecting coins. The School Partnership Program culminates with a virtual field trip through the Poverty Encounter exhibit.



Educational videos
for grades K-8



Digital and printable
student activities



Teacher guides and
answer keys included



Virtual tours of
Poverty Encounter exhibit



Take action with
Project Coin Pak



Understand the response
to global poverty

ABOUT POVERTY ENCOUNTER

Located in Los Angeles, CA, Poverty Encounter is a 16,000 square foot exhibit that takes guests into four immersive environments based on the developing world. After boarding an airplane simulation, guests visit a dump in Guatemala City, the earthquake-damaged streets in Haiti, a brickyard in Nepal, and an underground sewer in Romania. In each environment, they hear the story of a real child who lives in each situation. In 2020, virtual tours of the exhibit were launched to reach youth outside of Southern California and share the message of God's provision and love.

“The videos showed me that even though kids in poverty have really difficult lives, they are still trusting in God. That was an encouragement to me. I couldn't wait to watch the next one.”

- Kaitlin, 4th grade

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Who can become a School Partner?**
This FREE program is available for school classrooms, homeschool groups, church ministry groups, and youth organizations serving students in K-8th grade.
- **Is the School Partnership a free program?**
Yes. All program materials including videos, lessons, live instruction by a Poverty Encounter facilitator, and virtual tours are free of charge.
- **What is Project Coin Pak?**
Project Coin Pak is an opportunity for kids to help kids. Students will be provided with a Coin Pak that they will use to collect coins. Every 25 cents can provide one meal for a hungry child.
- **What are the technology requirements and how are the lessons taught?**
Internet access is required. The welcome, introduction, and virtual tour are led by a Poverty Encounter facilitator using our video conferencing platform (see sessions in yellow on the next page). All other instruction is taught by the teacher/youth leader in a traditional classroom or distance-learning setting.

JOIN THE PROGRAM

If you would like to join the School Partnership Program, email info@povertyencounter.org. A facilitator will reach out with further registration information.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Each session in the School Partnership Program will include a virtual lesson and activities to help students go deeper into the lives of children living in extreme poverty around the world. The three sessions highlighted in yellow will include a live lesson with a Poverty Encounter facilitator. Most sessions take 30 minutes. The longest session is 60 minutes. Some additional time may be required to complete and discuss the student activities. This is flexible and is determined by the teacher or leader.

SESSION ONE: WELCOME | 45 MINUTES

LESSON: Virtual welcome and introduction to Children's Hunger Fund, Project Coin Pak Kickoff (optional)

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Pre-Visit Activities

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Assess personal understanding of basic need; identify factors that contribute to poverty
- Understand the mission of Children's Hunger Fund in equipping the local church

SESSION FIVE: POVERTY IN AMERICA | 30 MINUTES

LESSON: Online Series: United States

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Connect Activity

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Examine how poverty in America looks different than both global extreme poverty and our general perception of poverty in developed countries
- Learn biblical responses to poverty and recognize church involvement in fighting poverty

SESSION TWO: INTRODUCTION TO POVERTY | 30 MINUTES

LESSON: Online Series: Haiti Part One

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Connect Activity

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Discover how natural disasters can begin the cycle of poverty
- See different classrooms around the world; recognize the importance of education worldwide

SESSION SIX: POVERTY ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL TOUR | 60 MINUTES

LESSON: Live moderated virtual tour through Poverty Encounter exhibit (60 minutes)

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Post-Visit Activities (30 minutes)

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Hear stories from children who live in extreme poverty
- Understand the church's role in addressing global poverty

SESSION THREE: EDUCATION | 30 MINUTES

LESSON: Online Series: Guatemala Part One

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Difficult Choices, Tug-of-War (spiritual vs. physical needs)

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Differentiate between material needs vs. wants, spiritual vs. physical needs
- See different types of homes from around the world
- Learn definitions of extreme poverty and cycle of poverty

SESSION SEVEN: TAKE ACTION | 30 MINUTES

LESSON: New Conversation, Agape Love

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Take Action, Next Steps Activity

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Examine the biblical meaning of Agape love
- Brainstorm practical ways for students to participate with churches in their own community

SESSION FOUR: SOCIAL INJUSTICE | 30 MINUTES

LESSON: Online Series: Nepal Part One

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Connect Activity

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Learn about bonded labor and child labor injustices
- See commonalities in hopes and dreams of children around the world

SESSION EIGHT: IMPACT | 20 MINUTES

LESSON: School Partnership Program Culmination

CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK: Certificate announcing how many meals students provided through their participation in Project Coin Pak during the School Partnership Program

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Measure the impact of their action(s)
- Help children in need around the world