



Lesson Plan #2

Discovering the Gift of Education

Part 2.1 – Introduction

Teacher: Who likes to miss school? (Take answers and let the buzz of discussion happen)

Here in Canada we sometimes take school for granted. Some of us even celebrate missing school! Even something as simple as learning to read we can easily take for granted. But reading is something we do all day long.

Teacher: (Can you think of all the different places we see words every single day? (start writing ideas on the blackboard))

Every day we read signs, books, magazines, pop cans, text on computers – and don't even think twice about it. But what would happen if you couldn't learn to read? Not because you didn't want to, but because there was no school for you to go to or no books to read?

I want to tell you a story about a boy named Tesema.

Tesema's family never dreamed of being able to send him to school. They had no money for school supplies, books or proper clothing. Without the skills to read, Tesema was heading for a life of poverty. Without being able to read he would not be able to find a good job.

But soon he was enrolled in Christian Children's Fund of Canada sponsorship program. A family from Canada sent a little bit of money every month and Tesema's life was transformed. He was given books, pens, clothing and a chance to go to school. His family and neighbours were also helped through the support Tesema's sponsors gave him.

Thanks to those early opportunities, Tesema developed his reading skills and gained the confidence to go to college. When Tesema grew up he became a school teacher, encouraging children like you to learn.

Tesema is one of the fortunate ones. Many children, girls especially, still cannot go to school. With just a little help and a lot of encouragement, children can succeed at school!



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Part 2.2 – Activity

Supplies Needed: Construction paper, markers, general craft supplies

Teacher: We can help encourage children living in poverty-stricken areas with a simple encouragement card. Learning is contagious. Take a few moments to write a note to a child in a different country. Tell them what your favourite part of school is and what you like to do at home. Just a little encouragement goes a long way!

Hand out paper and give time for class to work.

What can be done?

Christian Children's Fund of Canada is working directly with children and schools all over the world to help children receive an education and receive basic school supplies. If children can learn to read, they can get a job and maybe earn money for food for their families.

What can you do?

- Learn more about Christian Children's Fund of Canada at <http://www.ccfcanada.ca/>
- Talk to your parents about sponsoring a child and write them letters as a penpal
- Donate school supplies to those living in poverty in your area
- Pray for children around the world who can't go to school
- Write your Member of Parliament asking them to help children overseas



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The Gift of Education

Unscramble the words below of things you'd find at school!

ldihcner _____

arde _____

nedoiuac _____

verotyp _____

lpecin _____

enp _____

ilslsk _____

petromcu _____

relokc _____

hkrowemo _____

Quick Facts:

- Of the 1.3 billion people living in poverty, 70% percent are women who were denied an opportunity to go to school as children.
- 76 million more boys than girls are enrolled in school around the world.



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