Issue: Inaccessible Education

Values: Compassion, Integrity

Timing: Ordinary Time

Components:
1. Personal Development Activity → to develop a deeper sense of personal responsibility.
2. Fundraising → to give children access to the resources needed to attend school.

How It Works:
1. Teacher introduces Chalice in Schools, shows both the Chalice: All about Connections and the I Can Tell Your Story videos, which may be downloaded to smartphones for sharing.
2. Teacher provides each student with a Chalice brochure and a letter to their parents encouraging their participation. In this letter, parents are also invited to consider sponsoring the class sponsored children for the subsequent years, or sponsoring a different child.
3. Each student is given an I Can Tell Your Story card that features a real child in need of sponsorship, with their name and life story, as well as an I Can Tell Your Story wristband to wear as a reminder of their mission of advocacy during the fundraising period.
4. Using the I Can Tell Your Story card, each student tells the story of this child and gathers donations from different people, a toonie at a time. Student keeps track of the funds raised by placing a special sticker (provided) below the letters YES, I CAN TELL YOUR STORY inside the card. The objective is for each student to raise $40 which will cover the cost of sponsorship for one month for a child sponsored by their class.
5. Student submits funds collected to their teacher at the end of each week.
6. School sends a cheque to Chalice equivalent to the total collection. Chalice applies this donation to the individual children sponsored by your class. Chalice will send your class the Welcome package and other information.

Teaching Resources:

- Activity Sheets on USB: 2 Poems with Reflection Questions & Colouring Page
- Campaign Introduction
- First Hand Stories
- Skype with First Hand Story Teller
- Card - front
- Card - back
- Wristband
- Card - inside
- Stickers for Card
- Promotional Posters for the Classroom
- Letter to Parents
Sharing stories about those less fortunate is very important. Storytelling can change the lives and misfortunes of those in need because the more people that become aware of the situation the better the chance something will be done to help. Your students can become storytellers and story carriers by passing on these stories in their own words.

In our faith Jesus depends on us to tell His story. Through parables, Jesus repeatedly asks us to listen and share stories of those who are unheard, especially the poor, oppressed and hungry - our forgotten brothers and sisters.

Chalice’s 'I Can Tell Your Story' invitation asks us to be a voice for those who are not heard, with the prayerful hope that through this storytelling, pictures from our Chalice sites will become a living reality.

We encourage your students to get involved.
Be sure to share with us what you have done!

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Funds raised will go to sponsoring 2 or 3 children for 1 year.