


ONLINE SERIES: GUATEMALA PART ONE

Difficult Choices Activity: 4th grade and above

 **BEFORE VIDEO**

People living in extreme poverty must think about how they are going to survive on a daily basis. Will they have enough food for themselves and their family? Or will they go to bed hungry? They must make difficult choices because they are not able to access—or afford—all of the things they need or want.

1) Read all of the items on the list below. If you could only have 10 of them, which would you keep? Place a  in the "Keep" column for those 10 items.

Item	Keep
Enough food for the day	
Clean water to drink	
A safe neighborhood	
A bathroom with a sink and a tub or shower	
TV and videogames	
Ability to go to school	
A home with four walls and a roof	
Computer with internet access	
Your favorite snacks and candy	
Electricity	
Heater and air conditioning	
A car to get places	
The right shoes and clothes for school, sports, and special occasions	
Medicine when you are sick	
Church	
Your own bed to sleep in	
A cell phone	
Soap and cleaning supplies	
Friends	



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2) Look back at the 10 items you selected. It is very likely that people living in extreme poverty do not have most of those resources available to them. Out of the items you selected to Keep, narrow your choices down to **ONLY 3** items. Rank them in order of importance below (with 1 being the most important) and explain why you chose them.

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3) Now that you have completed questions 1 and 2 of this activity, you may continue watching the video GUATEMALA: PART 1. As you play this video, here are some key terms to listen for:

Poverty: When a person lacks access to basic needs such as food, shelter, clean water, bathrooms, medical care, and access to education.

Extreme poverty: When a person lives on \$1.90 a day or less.

Relational poverty: When a person is lacking support from a community or other people.

Tarp: A large sheet of waterproof cloth.

Illuminate: To light up.

Medical: Refers to the treatment of illness and injuries.

Slum: An overcrowded area, usually in a city, where most of the community lives in poverty.

Thatched roof: A roof or a cover that is made with straw.

Izba: A wooden house, also known as a log house.



4) What items from the list (see question 1 on page 1) do you value, but don't need? Would you make any changes to your list after watching the video? Explain.



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Read the following Bible passage:

Matthew 22:35-39

35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

5) How did you see the church members loving their neighbors as themselves?

6) What are some ways that you could love others better?
