



Poverty 1st/2nd class – Lesson 3

Case study ideas:

I'm Mahder. I'm 12 and I love running, playing volleyball and watching Ethiopian Pop Idol. My dad was a tailor. He died a few years ago. When he was alive, I went to school and always had enough to eat. I was so sad when he died. I went to school for a month and then the money ran out and I had to stop going. When my friends went to school, I would cry all day. I didn't do much apart from look at old school books and help Mum. I felt frustrated and angry. Mum has to work day and night just so we can survive. She has many jobs. She sorts beans at the coffee board, carries heavy bricks at the construction site and sometimes works as a cleaner. She's often tired. My little brother Nathaniel, who's 6, is very sick. I help mum look after him. It makes me upset when we clean his sores because he's in pain. He's too ill to go to school, so I'm teaching him to read and write. It makes me angry that not all children in Ethiopia get the chance to go to school.