



EXPERIENCE ANOTHER WORLD

Without Leaving Yours

NOTE TO PARENTS

Compassion works in some of the toughest places on the planet. Children growing up in these environments are extremely vulnerable. The stories we profile in The Compassion Experience contain true realities that are faced everyday by children living on less than \$1.50/day. We take great effort to avoid sensationalizing dark circumstances and try to tell the bigger story of these children who are on a journey from poverty to hope.

We view The Compassion Experience as a resource to help you, as a parent, bring your children into a larger conversation about helping others and showing Compassion to the vulnerable in other parts of the world. We have designed the experience to be generally appropriate for all ages, however we are mindful that small children are all impacted differently by stories they hear.

Below is an overview of the individual stories featured in The Compassion Experience to help you understand the subject matter presented and determine if there is content that might be too sensitive for your child.

YANNELY'S STORY

Unwanted by her own father, who left his family because of her birth, Yannely is growing up in extreme poverty under the care of her mother. Though her mother is a positive influence and works very hard, they are hungry most every day. They have to boil water because their water supply is unsafe. Yannely eventually finds her father, but he continues his rejection of her and will not speak to her. In time, the life and value that are spoken into her at her church project and by her loving Compassion sponsor bring a hope and security that provides her the strength to understand her potential.

CONTENT AND THEMES:

Yannely's father rejects her throughout her life. This rejection brings sadness and real challenges to her self-worth. Yannely also has to deal with news that her Compassion sponsor, who had a significant impact on her, has an illness that will take her life so she will no longer be able to sponsor her. There are several references to themes that Yannely was unwanted however no specific references to abortion are made.

JEY'S STORY

Jey, his three siblings, his mother and a man he calls "Dad" live in the poorest slum in Nairobi, Kenya. To support the family, Jey's mother makes and sells illegal "changaa" (moonshine). His home is clearly not a safe place for a child. Authorities eventually expose this illegal activity. At that point Jey and his family move in with his grandmother. There are 15 people living in the house. There is a period of time where Jey is influenced by the nature of his impoverished environment and neighborhood boys who steal and form gangs. At 9 years old, Jey is imprisoned for stealing and expresses fear that he will spend the remainder of his life in a jail cell. The hope that eventually breaks through and becomes the theme of his life is hard fought by his vulnerable circumstances. The value of those who play the biggest roles in fighting for his worth, shine in his journey to hope and truth.

SENSITIVE CONTENT:

Jey's mother makes and sells illegal alcohol. At age 9, Jey is imprisoned for stealing. To illustrate the fear of feeling vulnerable during his childhood, Jey refers to himself and other children choosing to wet the bed rather than venture outside of their home to use the outhouse during the night. While in prison, Jey experiences an environment that is hard to fathom at his young age. The prison is a culture of hopelessness and survival. Jey refers to some prisoners fighting for food and even dying while in prison.

A child-friendly audio track is provided for this story, which softens the more intense subject matter to be appropriate for all ages.