



Maria's Story

Honduras

● MATERIALS...

Pipe cleaners, a small bowl of water, and blocks. The blocks represent houses and the bowl of water the water source. The class must use their pipe cleaners to connect the water source to each house.

● FACT...

Covenant World Relief (CWR) is helping communities all around the world to have access to clean water. They work with the people in the community by providing materials and education so that the people can build their own clean-water system. In this way, the people in the community are helping each other and they also then know how to repair the water system.

● STORY...

Hello, I am Maria. I am eight years old and live in Los Limones, Honduras. I used to walk an hour each day to the river to get water for my family and another hour carrying the heavy water home. I had to do this twice a day. Once I got the water home I spent the rest of the day washing clothes. We used this same water for drinking. Often this water made my family and I sick. CWR came to our village and saw we did not have clean water. They worked with the people in the village to drill a well and build seven miles of pipes. My family and fifty-five other families now have a water tap and a toilet right in our home! Now my family and I have clean water. I don't get sick like I used to and I no longer have

to walk for hours gathering water. For the first time I can now go to school and I even have a little time to play with my friends from church.

● REFLECTION...

Find Honduras on the map. What are your thoughts about this story?

Now each person take one or two pipe cleaners. We must figure out way to connect the pipe cleaners in order to connect each house (block) to the water source. What did you like about this exercise? What was hard? How does doing this activity with the pipe cleaners relate to Maria's story?

● RESPONSE...

Maria and her family are among the fortunate ones who now have water. But there are many children and families who do not yet have access to clean water in their homes. The offering you give helps families like Maria's. Let's pray for Maria and her family and also pray for the children and families who don't yet have clean water.

