



## Micheline's Story

Haiti

### ● MATERIALS...

Access to a sink for hand washing or two gallons of water.

### ● FACT...

Covenant World Relief (CWR) is helping bring clean water to communities in Haiti. After the earthquake in 2010, much of the water system was destroyed. Pipes collapsed and pumps were destroyed. In times of crisis, CWR provides water immediately to keep people alive. Once the crisis ends, CWR works to help restore the structures that were destroyed, including wells and water pumps.

### ● STORY...

My name is Micheline and I am ten years old. I live in Haiti. In 2010 when I was just five years old, a terrible earthquake struck Haiti. Many people died or were badly injured. The water pipes and wells were broken and there was no clean water. My family and others had to drink dirty water and we became very sick. Some people even died. CWR sent in water trucks to help. The clean water in the trucks helped us feel better and kept us from getting sick. But the water trucks were expensive and could not come forever. That's why CWR drilled wells and put in hand pumps. We live near the hospital where there is a new well. I go to the pump

each day to get water for my family. I fill a big red bucket and carry it home on my head. I do this several times a day but I don't mind because it's closer than the river and the water is clean.

### ● REFLECTION...

Find Haiti on the map or globe. What are your thoughts about this story?

Now invite the children to wash their hands at a sink. Capture the water in a bowl for one or two children. Or ask: How much water do you think you use to wash your hands? Look at the two gallons of water. Each time we wash our hands we use 1-2 gallons of water. How many times do you think Micheline would have to fill her bucket just so her family can wash their hands? What else do we use water for?

### ● RESPONSE...

Micheline and her family are thankful to have access to clean water. But there are many children and families who do not have clean water because of a disaster. The offering you give to CWR helps families like Micheline's. Let's pray for Micheline and her family. Let's also pray for the children and families who don't have clean water because of a disaster.

