



Abdul's Story

India

● MATERIALS...

A clear pitcher of water covered with cellophane, a pitcher or bottle of clean water that is only $\frac{1}{4}$ full, and two full pitchers or bottles of dirty water, small cups and six large cups. Set the pitcher that is covered near the children along with the six large cups, and the other water containers on the other side of the room.

● FACT...

Covenant World Relief (CWR) is working with the Hindustani Covenant Church in India to bring clean water to villages. They do this by drilling wells and installing hand pumps. This enables villagers to get water every day, rather than wait for water tanker trucks that only come a couple of times a week. It also gives families more clean water than they can get now and enables children to attend school rather than have to gather water from the tanker trucks.

● STORY...

I am Abdul. I am twelve and I live in India. I live with my parents and my brother and sister. I am the oldest child. My parents get a meal if they work for the day. But they have very little money to pay for clothes or additional food for the family. We do not have access to water except for the two days per week a water tanker truck comes to our village. My parents cannot stop going to work for those days to collect water. So I have to stop going to school and collect water for the family. I miss two days of school every week while many of my classmates go every day. This is very hard because I am not able to keep up with my studies. Some of my

classmates make fun of me for falling behind and for not taking a bath regularly even though we do not have enough water to do so. Getting enough water from the water tanker truck is difficult. As the trucks arrive in the village, every one rushes to the them with all of their water buckets. Often people get angry and yell at each other. I wait, trying to stay away from the trouble and sometimes when I get to the truck there is not enough water. When that happens my family and I often become sick. I wish there was a pump in our village. Then I could get the water my family needs and still be able to go to school.

● REFLECTION...

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

Hand each person a small cup. Explain that they cannot use the water that is covered but will need to go get the water on the other side of the room. They must try to fill all six cups. Ask: How does it feel not to be able to get to all the clean water? How is this like the story today? How did you decide what to do about the amount of water you needed when there was not enough clean water to meet the need of filling the cups? How is this like the story today?

● RESPONSE...

The offering you give helps families like Abdul's. CWR will use the money to drill more wells and install more pumps. Let's pray for Abdul and his family remembering his struggles at the water tanker truck, school, and his families sickness.

