



What Causes Homelessness Tutorial for Parents

These videos were prepared as a resource for you as a parent to guide your family through learning about homelessness. We encourage you to review the material before presenting it to your children. That way, you can decide which resources are best for your particular family. You will also be prepared to lead the conversations that might arise in response to the videos.

Let me strongly encourage you to pray with your children before spending this time together. It is a great opportunity for you to exercise your spiritual leadership and set a good example for your children.

At the outset of this video we mention that people without a home might live in a car or in a tent or on the streets. We then pause the video since these comments alone might generate a lot of questions. Be prepared to write down the questions your children make have before continuing with the video. Time will be allotted at the end of the video for you to circle back around to these questions.

In this video we will talk about the 4 primary causes of homelessness.

- 1) We will talk about employment difficulties and touch on why people are forced to take low paying jobs and what impact that has on their circumstances.
- 2) We will discuss health issues and how illness places a financial burden that many people cannot afford. We briefly and softly touch on mental health issues.
- 3) Transportation, affordable housing and affordable daycare are community issues that we address.
- 4) Family problems may increase the risk of becoming homeless.

We then talk briefly about how these issues can overlap one another making homelessness a complex issue.

Finally, we send the discussion back to you so that your family can discuss what they have learned and see if all of the initial questions were answered.

If you need some conversation starters, consider these:

- 1) How does talking about homelessness make you feel?
- 2) How do you think Jesus feels about homeless people?
- 3) Do any of you know someone who is homeless?
- 4) What can we pray for the homeless people in Greenville?
- 5) What was the most important thing you learned in this video?
- 6) Was there anything in the video that you did not understand or that confused you?