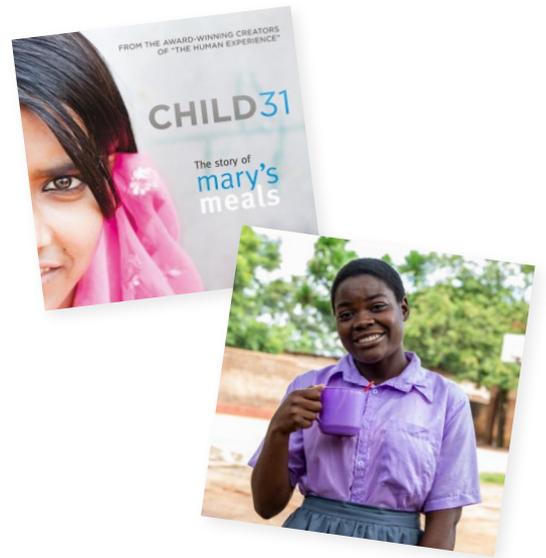


**Child 31** tells the powerful stories of some of the children served by Mary's Meals, including Lette, an 11-year-old Malawian girl struggling to survive following the death of her parents.

**Lette's story** was filmed nine years later and catches up with Lette and her family to discover the long-term impact daily school meals has had for them.



**These questions are intended to invite useful discussion after viewing these thought-provoking films:**

### **Child 31**

- What were your thoughts as you were watching Child 31?
- Lette says that she usually goes to school with nothing to eat – how do you feel during the morning at school if you don't have breakfast or something at break? Can you imagine this happening every day?
- At 11 years old, Lette was an orphan and had to care for her little brother without any help. How did that affect you? Would the same happen in this country?
- Were you shocked at the number of children who die every day just from not having enough to eat?
- Which moment of Child 31 was the most powerful to you? Why?
- How do these films make you feel about the opportunities you have been given compared to Lette's?
- Consider the thoughtfulness of Charlie Doherty giving up birthday presents since age seven. At such a young age, how did his generosity affect children like Lette through Mary's Meals?

## Lette's story

- How has Lette's life improved thanks to the daily meals she was served in school? How will these changes affect her son, now that Lette is a mom?
- Lette's older brother says that her life has changed – in what ways can you see it has changed?
- Why is it important that we do what we can to help people like Lette?
- What reasons does the founder of the Jacaranda School for Orphans, Marie da Silva, give for why the children stay in school?
- Lette became a mom at a very young age - what are her hopes for her son Phillip?
- Why does Anderson, Lette's 10-year-old brother, say school is important?
- Did you realize before watching this film that daily meals served in school could make such a lasting impact on a hungry child and affect their ability to learn so dramatically?

## Combined questions

- From what you have seen in these short films, why do you think it is so important for Mary's Meals to involve whole communities in the school feeding program?
- Given that it costs just \$26.40 (CDN) to feed a child for an entire school year (just 13 cents a day), what could you do to help children like Lette?

