



RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Poverty can be a challenging topic to teach and discuss with children. There are numerous existing, developmentally appropriate resources to help kids learn about this issue:

» LEARN

[Spent](#), an online simulation game appropriate for older children, Spent simulates the hard choices that low-income families have to make each day.

» TEACH

For educators, there are lots of places to start working this into your curriculum.

- [Teaching Tolerance](#) and [Primary Source](#) have great resources
- [Cult of Pedagogy](#) has compiled a list of organizations to help teach poverty in the classroom.
- The [librarian toolbox](#) has several good recommendations.

» VOLUNTEER

Many low-income people are food insecure and depend on food pantries and places serving hot meals to make ends meet. Often these are non-profits working with small budgets, so they need all the help they can get. A website like <https://www.volunteermatch.org/> can help you find organizations.

» ORGANIZE A SUPPLIES DRIVE

Reach out to your local homeless shelter. Many homeless shelters have specific needs that don't get met by regular donations, like socks and deodorant. You can organize a supplies drive at your school based on those needs.

» [SHARE FACTS WITH FRIENDS](#)

Many people (especially those who haven't experienced poverty themselves) don't know much about how our country helps those in need. For example, many people that receive government benefits work - but their wages are too low, or hours too few, for them to make a living wage.