

# Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

## **Connecting Activity**

Ask each group member to share about a time they feel they were treated unfairly.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. How do Bahati and Riziki show compassion in this story?
  - ♦ *They take in Tumaini and care for her.*
2. Do you think Tumaini is a good name for this baby? Why or why not?
  - ♦ *Opinions will differ.*
3. How does the community react to Tumaini? Why do they react this way?
  - ♦ *They reject her; abandon her; they are afraid.*
4. ▶ What happens in a community when people fail to show compassion to others?
  - ♦ *People are separated by prejudice, fear, ignorance; people are treated unfairly; some don't receive the help they need.*
5. ▶ Who in your community is treated poorly or ignored? Why?
  - ♦ *People who are sick; the unpopular.*
6. ▶ How can you show fairness and compassion to people with HIV/AIDS in your community?
  - ♦ *Be specific. Treat them the same as others; spend time with them; share; serve.*

## **Personal Growth Activity**

Draw a picture of the community in which you live. Complete this sentence and write it on your picture: I will help make my community more compassionate by

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### **☞ Spiritual Application**

Read Philippians 2:1-3. Then ask: According to these verses, what is the source of tenderness and compassion? What is the opposite of compassion?

### **☞ Prayer Point**

Lead the group in a prayer thanking God for their community. Ask God to help each of them grow in compassion, fairness, and love for the people in their community who need it most.

### **☞ Encouragement**

Praise participants for encouraging each other in the group. Acknowledge the discussion group “community” that has developed. Challenge participants to pray for each other and to love each other through acts of service.

## Grandma's Wisdom

See, children, there is hope! And there is hope for you, too. We must help those who cannot speak for themselves, like Tumaini. It takes courage to speak out when someone is being treated unfairly. We are all special and equal in God's sight. Even the littlest ones.

