



Discussion Guide

Ana from Angola goes to school

1. What do you want to do when you grow up?
2. In the photo of the Angolan children holding up signs with their dreams for what they want to be, are you surprised by any of their dream professions?
3. When you see pictures of children going to school in Angola, what similarities to your school do you see? What differences?
4. What would be different if you couldn't read?
5. Kids everywhere like to play games and play with their friends and families. What are your favorite things to do with friends? With family?
6. Ana helps her mom with chores before school. Do you have chores? What are they?
7. Most people in the United States have access to clean water to drink, to bathe, to cook with, etc. In Angola, some people have access to clean water where wells have been drilled. But many others do not. Discuss the importance of clean water, and the various ways having clean water in your home goes unnoticed.
8. Ana walks 30 minutes one way to school, which is common in Angola. Talk to your child(ren) about their trip to school and the comparison to Ana's trip to school. Consider taking a 30 minute walk to show your child the distance many kids in Angola walk to get to school.
9. The book alludes to difficult things happening in Angola that have prevented children from going to school. Depending on the age of your child, discuss aspects of the civil war in Angola and how this type of unrest adds instability to infrastructure such as clean water, healthcare and education. Or, discuss what life would be like without the opportunity to go to school.
10. Why is it important to care about other people? How does it feel to help others?