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Intro

What are you passionate about? I'm passionate about lots of different things. One of the things I like is hip-hop culture...

Game

I got 3 students up to the front and got them to do some breakdancing moves. I showed them what to do, got them to do it - and increased the difficulty of the moves gradually. We made sure that all of them got prizes and got everyone to give them a shout and a cheer as they were doing their breaking moves!

If you can't do something like this, get them to do something you feel passionate about! For example you could bring along a cajon, play a few rhythms and then get someone to copy you. Or do something with a guitar or other instrument that isn't expensive !!

Say

Another thing I'm passionate about is something that God is passionate about - it's poverty and looking out for those who are less fortunate than we are.

The Bible says, *"Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."* (Isaiah 1.17)

Facts -

from http://100people.org/statistics_detailed_statistics.php
(updated in 2016, accessed January 2019)

If the World were 100 people:

- 50 would be female 50 would be male
- 25 would be 0-14; 66 would be 15-64; 9 would be 65 and older
- 5 would be from North America; 9 would be from Latin America & the Caribbean; 10 would be from Europe; 61 would be from Asia; 16 would be from Africa

- 32 would be Christian; 23 would be Muslim; 15 would be Hindu; 7 would be Buddhist; 8 would believe in other religions; 16 would not be religious or identify themselves as being aligned with a particular faith
- 12 would speak Chinese; 8 would speak Hindustani; 5 would speak English; 6 would speak Spanish; 4 would speak Hindi; 3 would speak Arabic; 3 would speak Bengali; 3 would speak Portuguese; 2 would speak Russian; 2 would speak Japanese; 60 would speak other languages.
- 86 would be able to read and write and 14 would not
- 90% males would be able to read and write and 10% of males wouldn't be able to read and write.
- 82% of females would not be able to read and write and 18% would be able to read and write.
- 78% of eligible males would have a primary school education; 76% of eligible females would have a primary school education
- 66% of eligible males would have a secondary school education; 63% of eligible females would have a secondary school education
- 7 would have a college education
- 78 people would have a place to shelter from wind and rain; 22 would not.
- 54 would be urban dwellers; 46 would be rural dwellers
- 91 would have access to safe drinking water; 9 would use unimproved water
- 11 would be undernourished; 1 would have HIV/AIDS; 1 would have tuberculosis
- 11 would live on less than 1.90USD per day
- 82 would have electricity; 18 would not
- 65 would be cell phone users; 47 would be active internet users; 95 would live in an area with a mobile network.
- 68 would have improved sanitation; 14 would have no toilets; 18 would have unimproved toilets.

Say

So many times, we forget how fortunate we are. Other times, we just think about ourselves. Did you know that one way to help us feel happier and less depressed is to think about other people. It's really hard to think about what we can do about other people, or why we should even worry about people on the other side of the world.

The Starfish Story (Original Story by: Loren Eisley)

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!" After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said..."I made a difference for that one."

So here are some ideas

1. Buy Fairtrade products. Why should you benefit from wearing, drinking, eating things that other people or young children have made in terrible slave-like conditions.
2. You can sponsor child - Compassion UK or World Vision and others do this. You can transform the life of a child.
3. Think about what you do with your money. Could you save just £1 a week and then give that to a charity who could use it to fight poverty.
4. Places like Tearfund, Christian Aid and others allow you to give 'gifts' to other people by putting your money to work in another country - buying a family a cow, giving children an education and more.

The Bible says

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done." The Bible also says that you will reap what you sow. This means that somehow, in ways we can't explain, what we do will come back to us. If you give, are kind, are loving and do things for others, this is the kind of thing that can happen to you. But we should give because we love and want to see change, not to get for ourselves!

Whatever you believe, you can make a difference. One by one, little by little. Make a change today!