A Day in the Life

What You Need

+ This worksheet
+ Pencil or crayons

What to Do

1. Choose two characters (Emmanuel, Miguel, Marisol, or Olivia) and read a short paragraph describing their day.
2. Reflect by answering a few questions in the first person, as if you are that child.

Reflection

Sometimes it's hard to imagine living a life that's very different from your own. What makes that difficult?

Name: Emmanuel

Country: Uganda

My Life:
I live in a small village in Uganda. In the morning, I help my family by collecting water from the well and feeding our chickens. I walk barefoot a mile to school. We eat beans and cornmeal most days. At night, we sit by a small fire and tell stories because we don't have electricity. I dream of becoming a teacher someday.

Imagine you are Emmanuel:

What do you do in the morning?

What do you eat for lunch?

What are you thankful for today?

Name: Miguel

Country: Mexico

My Life:
I live in a busy town in Mexico. My family sells fruit and vegetables at the market. Some days I miss school to help my mom carry baskets and take care of customers. We eat beans, tortillas, and eggs. After work, I play soccer in the street with my friends. I hope to finish school and get a good job one day.

Imagine you are Miguel:

What do you do during the day?

What do you eat?

What is one thing you hope for?

Name: Marisol

Country: Guatemala

My Life:
I live in a town near Lake Atitlán. My mom is a weaver, and I help her make colorful bracelets to sell to tourists. I wear a huipil and corte every day. I go to school in the afternoon after helping in the market. At night, I sit by the lake and watch the boats come in. I want to be a teacher when I grow up.

Imagine you are Marisol:

What do you wear every day?

What chores or work do you do?

What is beautiful about your home?

Name: Olivia

Country: United States

My Life:
I live in a suburban neighborhood. I have my own bedroom, and my mom drives me to school. At school, we use computers and eat lunch in the cafeteria. After school, I go to soccer practice and eat dinner with my family. I'm thankful for my friends, my home, and the fun things I get to do.

Imagine you are Olivia:

What is your favorite part of your day?

What does your home look like?

How do you get to school?

What are 3 things you are thankful for?