

The Poverty Pouch



I don't want to brag but....ok I do. Sometimes we all do. We come up with a semi-original idea or a tweak on another idea and Walla!! This is the poverty pouch. The goal of the poverty pouch is show students the difference between wants and needs. Here's how it works:

1. Set a time to carry the pouch, one week, one month etc..
2. . When you are shopping, ask yourself if this is a want or a need.
3. If it is a need, then buy it, but if it is a want, take that money and put it in the pouch
4. At the end of the set time, count up the money you saved and donate it to a relief organization or charity in your town.

Bonus: Our poverty pouch came with 15 scripture cards sharing what the Bible says about poverty and how we should respond to it.

Every time students want something, you could encourage them to read a card to get a reality check on how much they spend on themselves on wants, not needs.

You can buy these pouches at any Hobby Lobby. They are only \$6. We made them for our 30 Hour Famine but you can use them as:

1. An ongoing discipleship tool
2. A fundraiser
3. Part of your own 30 Hour Famine (www.30hourfamine.org)

Enjoy! Let me know how you use it. Questions? Let me know: thedproject@me.com