



Selinah: Sharing skills to send students to school

Are you lucky enough to have a grandma or a grandpa? What do you do with them when you visit? Do you have sleepovers? Do you help cook or play games? Grannies and grandpas are amazing people.

In South Africa lots of grannies look after their grandchildren all the time. Many mums and dads have died from a disease called AIDS.

Selinah looks after her three grandchildren, Petunia, 16, Rose, 14 and Thabang 12. They all live together in a little house. Selinah needs to find money to feed the children, to buy their clothes and to send them to school.

Now, thanks to Caritas and your Project Compassion money, there is a special room for grannies and other carers to meet. They talk together and share stories. Selinah has learnt to grow vegetables. The family now has a garden where they grow beans, spinach and cabbage. Now the children have lots to eat.

As well, the grandmas and carers learn to sew and knit. Selinah has learnt to sew. She sells her sewing and now she can buy school uniforms for her grandchildren. Children are helped with their homework too.

Next time you see your grandma give her a big hug. Grandmas, like Selinah, are very special people.



English/RE

Make a card for your grannie or your grandpa or a special person that loves you and looks after you. Write a thank you note inside.



Art

Selinah sews things to sell. You could ask your teacher if you and the children in your class could make some little things to sell at a special stall at school. Maybe you could put the money into a Project Compassion box.



PDHPE/RE

Hold a "Grandparents Day". Ask some of the grandparents to share their stories with your class. Don't forget to share Selinah's story too.

Fill in the spaces below to find who looks after you.

Selinah lives with her grandchildren.	_____ lives with me.
Selinah grows veggies for her grandchildren to eat.	_____ buys food for me to eat.
Selinah cooks for her grandchildren.	_____ cooks for me.
Selinah looks after her grandchildren.	_____ looks after me.

Dear God, we all have the right to be loved. You have given me special people that love me. Help me to be thankful for them and love them always. Amen.