

# THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

## GRADES 1-3

45 MINUTES

### OBJECTIVE

Through the story of Ona in Gaza, students will explore a Catholic social teaching principle, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, and how they can uphold the dignity of others.

### MATERIALS

Map, Ona's story, Gaza Activity Sheet: Grades 1-3 (available at [crsricebowl.org/schools](https://crsricebowl.org/schools))

### DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

1. Locate Gaza on the map.
2. Read Ona's story.
3. Reflect:
  - Who did we meet in the story?
  - What challenges are Ona and others in Gaza facing?
  - What is Ona doing to provide for her family?

### ACTIVITY (25 MINUTES)

1. Explain The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Discuss how Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work allows people to use their God-given talents and interests for the common good. And everyone must be paid fairly to support themselves and their families.
2. Have students complete the Gaza Activity Sheet: Grades 1-3.
3. Invite them to share the prayer they wrote.

### CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

*Loving God,*

*We ask that you be with all those who are searching for work and a better future.*

*May they find dignified work, and may we always support the dignity of all workers.*

*Amen*

### AT HOME

1. Share your activity sheet with your family.
2. As a family, discuss the Lenten calendar reflection for the day.
3. Use the CRS Rice Bowl app to find more.

### IF YOU ONLY HAVE

**10**  
MINUTES

1. Read Ona's story.
2. Lead discussion step 3.

**GAZA**

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Color a picture of Ona with her students.



Write a short prayer for those that do not have work.

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