To be used with:

Lesson: Slum Experience

Activity 4

Asha's Bags:

Asha's day begins with an early morning bus ride from her little hut to the nearby Vijaya apartments. The residents of Vijaya apartments stack their old newspapers. "Saathi," a group of young girls and their mothers from Asha's slum community then recycle these old newspapers into beautiful carry bags.

The newspaper box is heavy for 13 year old Asha but she knows that the bags they make will then be sold to local shops in their neighbourhood. The money made from selling the bags is the only means of livelihood for her single mother and her two baby sisters Anya and Anita. Asha will spend most of her day with her mother making the bags. She takes a break from bag making for two hours each day to attend a mobile school that comes by her slum community each morning.

Here are Asha's wonderful bags:







