

# Homeless: The Motel Kids of Orange County

## Movie Guide

1. The question “What does home mean to you?” is posed to the homeless children in the documentary. How is this question answered throughout the film? How are the parents’ answers different from their children’s answers?
2. What do the parents in the documentary want for their children?
3. What gifts do the homeless children give to their families?
4. When the children in the documentary are asked, “What is your dream?” how do they respond? What dreams do they express?
5. The Project HOPE School plays an important part in the homeless children’s lives. What do the students gain from the school? What services does the school provide? How is the school’s curriculum linked to the real-life experiences of the homeless children?
6. What are some of the life lessons these very young homeless children learn? Why do some of the children get in trouble?
7. Social structures play a role in this documentary. What is the role of the state? What is the role of local foundations?
8. How do the older siblings in the documentary support the younger siblings?
9. What similarities do you see between the life lessons the homeless children learn and your own life lessons or experiences?
10. What do the homeless children say about God in their lives?
11. How does the setting of the documentary, the contrast of Disneyland as a backdrop to the motel, add to the plight of the homeless children?
12. What did you learn from watching this documentary that you did not already know? What will you do to address the issue of homelessness in your community? How will you advocate for those who are homeless?

