

## Families of the World: Ghana

1) 8-year-old **Deborah** lives with twelve extended family members in a family compound in a rural village in southern Ghana. She gets up at 5:30 a.m. to do many chores before she leaves for school. Her brother applies a medicinal plant to a cut he got while sharpening a machete. 2) In Accra, Ghana's capital, ten-year-old **Emmanuel** lives with his sister, mother, father and aunt. We follow him to school and to a funeral where his mother and father sing in the choir. We also see colorful coffins in shapes that are meaningful to the person who has died.



### Vocabulary

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| 1. village well (n)                            | 12. pledge of allegiance |
| 2. dry season (n)                              | 13. national anthem (n)  |
| 3. waste (v)                                   | 14. cocoa (n)            |
| 4. medicine (n)                                | 15. divorce (v)          |
| 5. pail (n)                                    | 16. proverb (n)          |
| 6. heal (v)                                    | 17. Anglican (n)         |
| 7. tonic (n): a drink to refresh body and mind | 18. cholera (n)          |
| 8. sellers (n)                                 | 19. recess (n)           |
| 9. bargaining (n)                              | 20. funeral (n)          |
| 10. yam (n)                                    | 21. priest (n)           |
| 11. sweep (v)                                  | 22. altar (n)            |
|  | 23. coffin (n)           |

**Part 1: While Watching****A) Deborah:**

1. How many trips do they make to the village well?
2. What are some of her chores in the morning?
3. How old is grandpa?
4. What does grandpa know how to do?
5. Are the sellers at the market mainly men or women?
6. Why don't sellers put prices on their products?
7. T or F? Parents pick the husband for their daughters.
8. T or F? Girls have no choice about who they will marry.
9. T or F? It is common for a man to have more than one wife.
10. What do they buy for breakfast on the way to school?
11. Why do they collect firewood at school?
12. What do they do after they collect the firewood? (2 things)
13. T or F? They have the same teacher for all their classes.
14. What is the national language?
15. How many languages do they speak in Ghana?
16. What does Ghana grow a lot of?
17. Why do girls have to learn to be good cooks?
18. Why is a husband happy when his wife has a baby girl?

**B) Emmanuel:**

1. What is the first thing the family does when they get up in the morning?





