



Me and the Crisis, SWR, Germany

“How imaginative children around the world are dealing with the crisis. The pandemic is raging throughout the world. Schools are closed practically everywhere. Only certain shops remain open and public life has been paralysed. But how are children focussing on their favourite pastimes? Ich in der Krise!? (Me and the crisis!) is less concerned with the obvious questions like: "How are children around the world spending their time? How are they dealing with corona from country to country and how are they experiencing the crisis?" We want to show strong minded children who, with a great deal of creativity, have happily managed to carry forward their ritual, hobby, fond habit, sport, band, etc. from 'normal' times into the corona quarantine period. Almost all of the world's children are affected by the crisis. Culturally they are different, but when it comes to ingenuity children are all the same, perhaps even more so than adults. Whether in India, the USA, Russia or Australia, each episode follows a child from one country in which we experience how they adapt their own personal highlight of the day to these special circumstances.

Violette - France

Thirteen-year-old Violette often turns her life upside-down. She's been a member of a children's circus for ten years. In her Paris home, the lounge wall, bathtub and bed serve as apparatus for her acrobatic exercises. Because of the corona crisis she can only practice at home at present. She misses her friends from the circus greatly. Violette is not worried about catching the virus, but she is concerned about the elderly people who must persevere being isolated and alone during the crisis in their small apartments. A Skype call with her grandmother gives her an idea. Violette wants to do something that brings a little pleasure to the lives of the people in her neighbourhood. And so, she plans to put on a circus performance in the inner courtyard of her high-rise complex. But performing circus acts alone is practically impossible. Violette has to improvise using folding chairs as props and her brother as a helper. Just before the start, she begins to get a little nervous. A friendly neighbour actually wants to invite everyone in the large block of flats to her circus show. Violette is very anxious. Will she be able to cheer the people up? And how many will actually watch her from their small balconies? On Friday 8 May from 5pm, the sixth episode of the 10-part documentary series "Ich in der Krise?!" will be available online at SWRkindernetz.de, on the SWR YouTube channel Kindernetz Plus (youtube.com/kindernetz) and in the ARD media library.

Nod - Thailand

When 11-year-old Nod from Bangkok closes his eyes, he dreams of boxing. Nod's great passion is 'Muay Thai', a combat sport from Thailand that requires the use of the entire body. But it's not just a hobby for Nod. His parents are able to pay the water and electricity bills with the prize money from his boxing competitions.

But at the moment nothing is possible: his father cannot work as a taxi driver, his mother cannot work as a cleaner and Nod has not been able to box for two months. The pandemic is an existential threat for Nod's family. "Coronavirus means that we have no more money," realises Nod. Before the corona crisis, Nod lived in a boxing boarding school that provided ideal conditions for the young sportsman. He was very successful and won the regional championship in his weight class. Nod is now worried that he is no longer strong enough and that he could injure himself in his next fight. He is therefore making every effort to stay fit. Several times a day Nod runs up and down the staircase and does push-ups and sit-ups in the small, one-room flat. But the space is insufficient for real training and Nod does not have the right equipment. Suddenly, however, his boxing coach gets in touch. He wants to visit Nod and train with him properly. Thai boxing again at last! The most exciting day for Nod since the start of lockdown... On Wednesday 6 May from 5pm, the fifth episode of the 10-part documentary series "Ich in der Krise?!" will be available online at [SWRkindernetz.de](https://www.swr.de/), on the SWR YouTube channel Kindernetz Plus (youtube.com/kindernetz) and in the ARD media library."

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