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Children's  
Sermon

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MIRA AND SASHA ZIVANOV

### PREPARATION

Gather examples of money—dollar bills, “play” money, etc.; secure a picture of Mira and Sasha Zivanov from [www.cbf.net/ogm-resources](http://www.cbf.net/ogm-resources)

### LESSON

Show children the money and ask, “What is this?” (Allow time for answers.) “What kinds of things do you buy with money?” (Allow time for answers.)

**Say:** “We buy all kinds of things with money! You can buy toys with money. You can buy snacks out of a machine with money. You can buy birthday gifts and Christmas gifts with money. We also use money for really important things, like buying food, paying for a place to live, paying bills, and paying the doctor and dentist to keep us healthy.”

**Ask:** “How do you get money like this?”

**Say:** “Some of you may get an allowance from your parents. Some may have to wait until your birthday or Christmas. Some of you may be saving your money to get something really important.”

**Ask:** “Where do you think your parents get money?” (Allow answers.)

**Say:** “That’s right! They get money from their jobs. They work hard and get paid so that you can have a place to live, food to eat, a warm house in winter, and so that you can go to the doctor.”

**Say:** “It can be hard to get a job here, though, especially if you don’t speak English. There are people who come to America from other countries who are looking for a safe place to live. They are called refugees, and they had to leave their homes because it wasn’t safe. Some of them don’t speak English. It can be hard to know where to go and what to do here when you don’t speak English. But that’s where people like Mira and Sasha Zivanov can help! They help refugees in the city of St. Louis in Missouri. They translate for refugees so that they know what’s happening. They help them find homes and even jobs. They lead after-school programs for children and help them learn to speak English. They teach cooking classes and also tutor. They help refugees get what they need.”

**Ask:** “How can we help people around us who need help?” (Allow time for answers.)

**Say:** “There are lots of ways that we can help! We can pray for them. We can share God’s love with them. We can donate food so that others have enough to eat. We can even help people learn things that we are good at. Mira and Sasha help refugees change their lives. We can help people right here in our community change their lives too.”

**Pray:**

Dear God, thank you for Sasha and Mira Zivanov. Thank you for the ways that they help refugees find a home in America. Please provide ways for them to help even more refugees. Help us to find ways to help others in our community feel like they have a place to belong too. Amen.

