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A RESOURCE FROM CBF TO HELP CHILDREN KNOW THEY CAN SHARE IN GOD'S WORK

Before the Story:

Say: Butch and Nell Green engage with many Muslim college students who are studying in Houston. (Show photo.) One day Nell received an unexpected phone call that led to a wonderful and lasting relationship. Do you know what a phone book is? It's a big book that lists all the people in the town or city and gives their phone numbers. It also has a section called "Yellow Pages," where all of the businesses, schools, and churches' phone numbers are listed. Let's hear how a phone book led to a special friendship.

Share the Story:

Friendship that Leads to Faith

Dear Nell,

I wanted to tell you what I learned in my latest Bible study about who Jesus is! I am so glad you suggested that I study the "I Am" passages about Jesus. I finally really understand that Jesus is God and my Savior! Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life!"

Do you remember when we first met? I was searching for the truth. I had grown up as a Muslim in Iran, but when I came to the United States for medical school, I began looking at everything—Buddhism, Hinduism, and my native Islam. I felt like something was missing from all of those. Then one day, I went to a phone book and searched through the yellow pages. I looked up Christian churches in hopes of finding one near me. I walked down the street to South Main Baptist Church and knocked on the front door. One of the ministers there talked to me and told me I should meet you. I'm so grateful he introduced us! Our friendship has meant the world to me.

When we met for coffee that first day, I was afraid, but you were so warm and welcoming that my fears quickly faded. You shared your faith with me and told me the basics of what it means to be a Christian. Then you invited me to come to church with you. I went to church, still not really believing, and you continued to be a friend to me. Then one Sunday, as I watched a new believer being baptized, I knew that I wanted to follow Jesus. You prayed with me and celebrated my decision. I am so grateful for all of the ways you've been my friend and helped me find hope in Christ. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Your Sister in Christ,
Monique

After the Story:

1. **Ask:** How did Nell help Monique? Do you know anyone at school or in our neighborhood who is Muslim?
2. **Pray:** Thank you, God, for Butch and Nell Green. Help them to have good friendships that allow them to share about your love.



Learning Activity:

Crochet Prayer Loops

Items needed: yarn; scissors; finger crochet video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAERB_BlcD4

1. Watch the finger crochet video and practice creating a basic finger crochet chain.
2. **Say:** Crochet is a common art among many of the Muslim women with whom the Greens interact. It involves a repetitious motion that can be done while praying or chatting. Today we will learn how to make a basic finger crochet chain.
3. Allow the children to choose a piece of yarn and practice the basic finger crochet loop. Assist kids until they are comfortable doing the process on their own.
4. **Say:** After you have practiced crocheting a bit, we will pray as you make each loop. Let's offer sentence prayers for the Greens, their work among the Muslim community, and the university students who are open to hearing about Jesus.

Meet the Field Personnel:



Butch and Nell Green are CBF field personnel in Houston, Texas, where they distribute food baskets to refugees, connect churches with refugee families, and partner with Interfaith Ministries to meet the needs of newly-arrived refugees.