

Bonus Activities *

For all ages:

Pack Groceries: If your church has a food pantry, arrange for your class to pack bags of groceries to hand out. If your church doesn't have a food pantry, encourage preschoolers to back bags of pretend food. Encourage elementary children to brainstorm things they would put in food packages like the Bouloses pack.

For elementary students:

Prayer Stations: Gather things like canned goods, blocks, adhesive bandages, medicine and the picture of Chaouki and Maha Boulos. Set these around the room and encourage children to go to each station and pray.

- Station 1: canned goods—pray that the people of Lebanon would have enough food to eat.
- Station 2: blocks—build a house and pray that the people would have a safe place to live.
- Station 3: adhesive bandages—pray for the people who are hurt and need access to medical care.
- Station 4: medicine—pray for people who need cancer medicines that are no longer covered by the Ministry of Health in Lebanon.
- Station 5: Photo—pray for Chaouki and Maha Boulos as they minister to the people of Lebanon.

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Relay Race: Create a relay race for your class based on their skill level and divide your class into two teams. Use items like pool noodles, hula hoops, cones and sand buckets to create your relay race. After children have finished, talk about how it takes people doing different things (churches giving, Chaouki and Maha learning about needs and gathering volunteers, people purchasing groceries, packing food packages, etc.) to help the Lebanese. Talk about how we all have a part we can play to help others in our community.

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Psalm 119:105 (CEV)

Theme Overview *

Chaouki and Maha Boulos are CBF field personnel in Lebanon. They help meet the needs of the people, from basic necessities of food and oil, to obtaining medicines and even offering prayers for safety. They offer Bible studies and have helped create safe places for churches to meet. This session focuses on the theme of planting roots.

Bible Verse *

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Session Outline *

Prepare

- Make copies of the Student Handout.
- Review the Story and Bible Verse.

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask:** Who helps you have what you need?

Engage

- Distribute the Student Handout.
- Read and discuss the Bible Verse.
- Work on the Handout Activity.
- Transition to Story Time.

Share

- Tell the story, "Help in Lebanon."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Help in Lebanon

“Hello, everyone! We are Chaouki and Maha Boulos. We were planning to talk to you live via Zoom, but unfortunately our power and Internet keep going down. That’s the way it is in Lebanon these days. It is sometimes hard to live here, but we are so glad we are here with the people. If we were somewhere else, we wouldn’t know or experience the needs of the people. Since we are here, we can do so much to help. The biggest need right now is food. Two years ago, we sent out food packages every five to six weeks for 650 families. We thought that was a lot, but now, we are sending out food packages for more than 930 families! These food packages always had milk and oil, but now it is becoming harder to get those things. Even though these items are sometimes scarce, we are happy to report that thanks to all our CBF partners, we have been able to serve more families and also add more basic items to our food packages. People are always so thankful when they open their food packages and see all that is inside. We also have three ministries that have become churches that meet at our center. We are so thankful we get to experience the Lord expanding the Kingdom and growing the work among the Lebanese and the refugees here. Things are hard, but we wouldn’t trade life here for anything. We are blessed!”

Discussion and Prayer ✳

- **Ask:** How are Chaouki and Maha Boulos helping the Lebanese people?
- **Ask:** What are some of the difficulties the Lebanese people are facing?
- **Ask:** How can we help others in our community?
- **Say:** Chaouki and Maha Boulos face many of the same difficulties that the Lebanese people face. Because they know and experience what the people are going through, they know how to help them. Their presence in Lebanon makes a big difference for the people.
- **Pray:** Dear God, thank you for Chaouki and Maha Boulos. Give them strength and courage as they live through hard times in Lebanon. Provide resources for them so that they can help refugees and the Lebanese people have what they need. Amen.



Chaouki and Maha Boulos

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Concentration

Cut out your cards, mix them up and turn them over. Pair up with someone else and see who can get the most matches! But be careful, you can only turn over two cards in a turn.

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