

Bonus Activities *

All Ages:

Celebrate Jesus: Gather praise and worship recorded music, small musical instruments for kids, confetti or streamers and other party supplies. Host a Celebrate Jesus party where kids can sing praise and worship music, play musical instruments and celebrate all the good things God has done.

Pray for Refugees: Using large blocks or Legos (depending on the ages in your class), encourage children to work together to build a house. After they have finished, say a prayer for refugees, asking God to provide safe places for them to live.

Older Children:

Jesus Loves You: Gather a list of homebound church members and their addresses, as well as stationary, pens and stickers. Encourage children to write notes to the homebound members, reminding them of Jesus' love.

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CBF's *Pathlight* curriculum helps children explore the Good News of Jesus through stories, scripture and activities.

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Theme Overview *

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Bible Verse *

Psalm 146:8-9

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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: When did you first learn about Jesus? Who first told you about Jesus?

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the story, “Meeting Jesus.”
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Meeting Jesus

“You know, Maha, I am so glad I came to Lebanon,” Hilda said as she and Maha Boulos were walking together one day. “I am so glad you came here, too,” said Maha. “What made you say that, though? I know it was very hard to leave your home.” “Oh, yes,” said Hilda. “It was painful to walk away from our home in Syria when the war broke out. It was hard to leave everything, and it was also hard to start over. But, still, I am grateful. I am grateful that God placed you and Chaouki in my life. Without this ministry, I don’t know where I would be. In fact, I didn’t really know much about the Bible when I came here. I grew up in a Christian home, but I never experienced the love of Christ until I came here. You and all the women in our Bible study showed me this life changing love. So even though it was very hard to leave my home and my things, I have gained so much more here. I have met Jesus!” “Oh, Hilda, what a beautiful way to look at it. I am grateful that I could play a small role in helping you meet Jesus. And now here you are, helping us pack food packages and sharing God’s love. You are helping refugees who were just like you,” Maha said. “I am so glad that I can be a friend to others in Beirut just as you have been to me,” Hilda said.

Discussion and Prayer ✨

- **Ask:** What happened to Hilda and her family?
- **Ask:** How did the Bouloses help her?
- **Ask:** How did Hilda learn about Jesus?
- **Say:** Sometimes, the only way people really experience God’s love is through us. Hilda grew up as a Christian, but she didn’t really know and experience the love of Christ until she came to Lebanon. There, she has been able to help with packing food for other refugees and has become a part of the women’s Bible study there.
- **Pray:** Dear God, thank you for friends like Maha Boulos. Help us to share your love with everyone we meet. Amen.



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Draw a Scene

Imagine that Hilda was drawing a scene celebrating God’s love. What would she draw? Draw that in the first box. In the second box, draw something that represents how God shows God’s love to you.