Bonus Activities

Older Preschoolers & Elementary Children:

Scavenger Hunt: Gather items or pictures of things that Rosalío might bring with him to help migrants. Examples include food, clothes, shoes, bandages, water bottles, and backpacks. Hide them around the room and invite the children to find the items. Discuss the ways that each item might be helpful.

All Ages:

Welcome!: Create a welcome banner. Talk about how Rosalío helps migrants feel welcome, and how we can help others feel welcome in our church and community.

Elementary Children:

Obstacle Course: Design an obstacle course for elementary children using items like cones, hula hoops, and chairs. Encourage children to walk backwards through the obstacle course, go blindfolded through it with a helper, and to walk it normally. Talk about the obstacles migrants face, and how Rosalío helps make things easier for them.

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Theme Overview

Rosalío Sosa is pastor of Inglesia Bautista Tierra de Oro in El Paso, Texas, and coordinates Red de Albergues para Migrantes—the Migrant Shelter Network—in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He also provides leadership to Fellowship Southwest's immigrant relief network. This session focuses on the theme of making changes.

Bible Verse

Matthew 18:1-4

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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:** Have you ever felt like God was telling you to do something, and you weren't sure if you wanted to do it?

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the story, "Rosalío Changes Direction."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Rosalío Changes Direction

Rosalío Sosa drove home after a long day of driving injured migrants to Juarez for medical treatment. Some days it seemed like there wasn't much he could do for the migrants that he met. But as an immigrant himself, he knew how much even small acts of kindness helped. He still couldn't believe how far he had come from that day, almost forty years ago, when he crossed into the United States. Rosalío never thought he would be helping other migrants, let alone pastoring a church. He had his mother to thank for his change in direction. Even when Rosalío was working in professional boxing, his mother never stopped praying that he would find his way back to Jesus. And before his mother died, Rosalío promised he would never turn his back on God again. Rosalío had no idea where that promise would lead!

One night after a very important boxing match, Rosalío finally accepted God's call to become a pastor. He traded boxing gloves for a Bible and began working with border ministries to help migrants. And now, instead of making sure the boxing match is fair to his boxer, Rosalío advocates for migrants so that they can have safe places to live, enough food to eat, and ways to care for their families. Rosalío is no longer fighting in the boxing ring, but he still spends his days fighting for others. He helps migrants because he loves Christ. And because of Rosalío's commitment to following Jesus, thousands of migrants' lives have been changed for the better.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask:** How does Rosalío help migrants? Why does he help migrants?
- **Ask:** How would you feel if you were in a new place, couldn't speak the language, and didn't have any friends? How would you feel if you knew that someone was working hard to help you?
- **Say:** Rosalío helps migrants receive the care and support that they need. Many migrants don't have anything. They simply travel with what they can carry. But people like Rosalío help them. As a church, how do you think we can help migrants and other people who aren't being treated well?
- **Pray:** God, thank you for people like Rosalío. Thank you that Rosalío answered your call and changed direction in his life. Help us to listen for your call, too. Help us to always follow. We love you, Lord. Amen.

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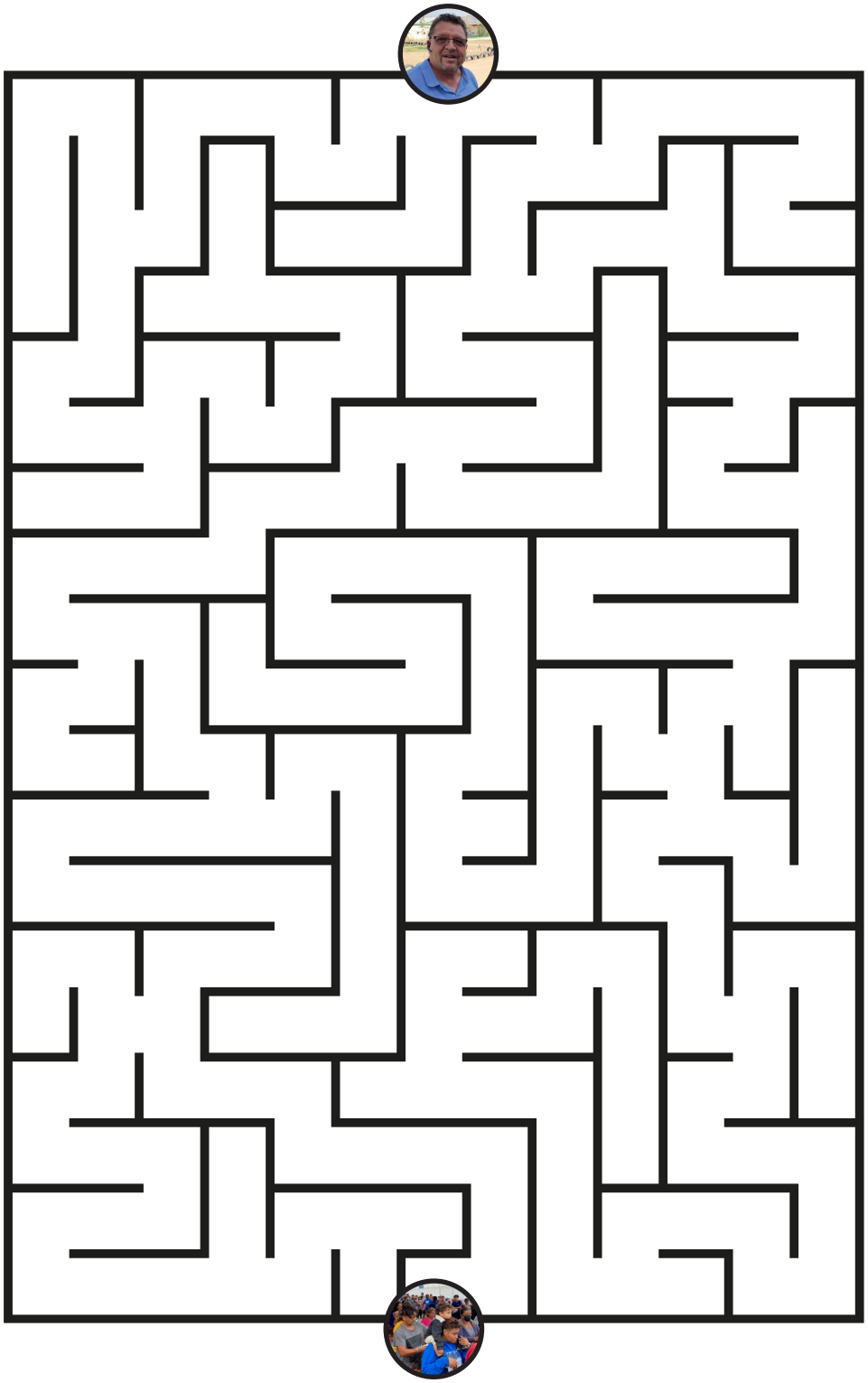
Help Rosalío find his way through the maze to help the immigrants at the detention center in Tapachula, Chipas, Mexico.