Bonus Activities

Preschoolers

Play Flashlight Tag: Collect flashlights for each child. Encourage children to turn on their flashlights. Turn off the lights. Choose one child to be it. Encourage children to wave their lights on the ceiling. When the "it" child's flashlight beam crosses someone else's flashlight beam, that child becomes "it." Keep going until everyone has the chance to be "it." Talk about how the flashlights help light our way even when it is dark. Talk about how God lights our way even when our lives feel dark—when things are sad, and we aren't sure what to do.

All Ages

Tell Stories: Encourage children to tell some favorite stories from their families. Talk about how we get to know each other better when we tell our stories.

Older Children

Create Prayer Stations: Gather items like adhesive bandages, food, blocks and books. Put each in a different spot around the room. Encourage children to go to each station and use those items to pray for Ukrainian refugees. Pray that they will get the medical care they need (bandages), that they will have enough to eat (food), that they will have a safe place to sleep (build a block house), and that they will have people to listen to their stories (books).

Pathlight

www.cbf.net/pathlight

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

Design Team

Carol Brown, Content Editor
Jeff Langford, Editor and Designer
Amy C. Cook, Designer
Aaron Weaver, Communications Director

Writer

Jessica Asbell Oravec, Roswell, Georgia

Pathlight

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk. **Psalm 119:105 (CEV)**

Theme Overview

Stella Perrin, CBF field personnel in Cyprus, helped Ukrainian refugees living in Moldova by allowing them to share their stories and by asking them how she could pray for them. This session focuses on the theme of Praying.

Bible Verse

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

Session Outline

Prepare

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

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask**: "How do you help others?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Listening to Others."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Listening to Others

Stella walked through the cafeteria of the refugee camp with her tray. When she saw a family eating alone, she sat down with them. “Hi, I’m Stella,” she said. “I’m Ivan, and this is my wife, Anastasia, and our daughter, Kateryna,” Ivan replied. “It is nice to meet you all,” Stella said. “I would love to hear your story if you would like to share it with me.” “Of course,” said Ivan. “We are from Odessa. I wanted to help with the war effort, but I have multiple sclerosis. So instead, we had to leave. It wasn’t safe and I needed medical attention,” he said. “It will get better, Ivan,” said Anastasia. “I know we’ll be able to go home soon.” “I don’t know, Anastasia. This war is taking a long time. I’m not sure we’ll have a home to return to,” Ivan said. Stella continued to listen and ask questions as Ivan and Anastasia slowly shared their story. As they finished, Stella said, “I cannot imagine how hard this is for you. And I am so very sorry you had to leave your home. How can I be praying for you?” “Thank you, Stella,” said Anastasia. “Please pray that my husband can get the treatment that he needs. Pray that my daughter will do okay in school here when she starts in a few weeks. And please pray that we can go home soon.” “I will be praying for you all. And I hope you are able to go home soon,” said Stella.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How was Stella helping this family?
- **Ask**: What happened to Ivan, Anastasia, and Kateryna?
- **Ask**: How can we help people who are new to our town find a place to belong?
- **Say**: Stella was helping Ivan, Anastasia and Kateryna by listening to their story. We can’t always fix what’s wrong in people’s lives, but we can listen to their stories. We can make sure they are seen and known. We can pray for others as they decide what to do. Ivan, Anastasia and Kateryna lived in Odessa, and when the war began, it was no longer safe for them to be there. Ivan needed medical care and they had to leave to find that. But they really want to go home.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help the Ukrainian refugees have a safe place to live. Help them be able to find a place to belong. Amen.

Stella Perrin

Stella Perrin, CBF field personnel in Cyprus, helped Ukrainian refugees living in Moldova by allowing them to share their stories and by asking them how she could pray for them.

STUDENT HANDOUT
NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Pathlight

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk. Psalm 119:105 (CEV)

Learn About

Stella Perrin, CBF field personnel in Cyprus, helped Ukrainian refugees living in Moldova by allowing them to share their stories and by asking them how she could pray for them. This session focuses on the theme of Praying..

Bible Verse

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

Create a Kite

Items needed: 8.5"x11" cardstock (2 pieces per kite); paper straws (2 per kite); string or twine for the kite string (at least 25-30-inches long); lightweight string, twine or decorative ribbon for the tail of kite (at least 20-inches long); decorative ribbon scraps; glue sticks; all-purpose glue; glitter glue for decorating (optional); scissors; pencil; ruler

1. Take two pieces of paper and cut them both in half along the longest edge. (The size is now 5.5 x 8.5".)
2. Using a glue stick, cover the back of one sheet with glue and place the other color on top. Smooth the page down, and make sure there are no bubbles.
3. Using a ruler, measure and mark a spot at the top and bottom of your paper at 2.75". Measure and mark the long edges at 3". Use a ruler to connect the four marks and draw lines to make the kite shape.
4. Cut out the kite.
5. Cut a length of twine or string, and tie one end to a paper straw about ⅔ of the way down. Cut the second straw into thirds to get three pieces. Tie the other end of the twine to the middle of one of the paper straw pieces. This will be the kite handle.
6. Add a drop of glue onto the knot you tied on the handle so that the string won't slide off the handle.
7. Place the side of the kite that you want to be the bottom face up on the table. Using a ruler and a pencil, connect the corners to draw a cross. Squeeze a bead of craft glue along the cross.
8. Place the straws into the glue to form your kite frame and allow the glue to dry for a few minutes. (Try to get the knot of the twine about even with the center of the cross before you press down the straw.)
9. Cut a 20" (or longer) piece of light-weight ribbon or string to make the kite tail. Thread it through the long straw and add a bead of glue at the top of the straw to keep the string from falling out.
10. Tie a few decorative ribbons to the tail and allow all glue to dry completely.

For pictures, go here:
https://onecreativemommy.com/bust-boredom-with-these-adorable-mini-paper-kites/