Bonus Activities

All Ages

Follow the Footsteps: Print pictures of footprints. Place a Bible in a different room and tape the footprints on the floor for the kids to follow to the Bible. Make your path more winding if you teach older children. Once they have found the Bible, talk about how we follow in the footsteps of others who have told people about Jesus over the last 2000 years.

Sing Praise Songs: Ask someone in your music program to join your class and lead a few songs that are popular in your church. Alternately, choose a few praise songs or hymns to play. Encourage children to sing (or just listen). Talk about how singing helps us feel closer to God. Talk about how singing can help people feel better.

Preschoolers

Create a Heart: Gather items like bubble wrap, stampers and leaves. Gather tempera paint, plates for the paint, and construction paper. Draw a heart on the construction paper. Encourage children to dip bubble wrap, stampers and leaves into the paint and put it on their hearts. Talk about the impression that is left behind. Talk about how there are people in our lives who teach us things and leave an impression on our lives.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

James 2:14-17

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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 in your life do you want to be like? Who is an example for you?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Following in the Footsteps."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Following in the Footsteps

As Colonel Leah Boling walked out of the hospital room of a wounded soldier, she thought back to the first time she had see Lola Pada come out of a hospital. She was six years old, playing on the playground at church, when she had seen Lola Pada walk into the hospital with her Bible and then walk out a bit later. That night, she asked her mom why Lola Pada had gone to the hospital that day. And her mom had explained that Lola Pada went to see patients who were sad. She offered comfort and prayed for them. And sometimes, she even sang for them. Her mom had said that Lola Pada was a volunteer chaplain, and that's what chaplains did—they made visits to people who were sick or hurt. Leah had been amazed. And now, here Leah was, following in the footsteps of Lola Pada. Lola Pada wasn't actually her grandmother, but she loved everyone as if they were her own. Lola Pada never had any formal training but when Leah thought of people who made a difference with their visits, Lola Pada was the first one who came to mind. What Lola Pada and now Leah did was rarely difficult, but almost always had a big impact on people. Visiting someone who was sick or hurt was a powerful way to share God's love. Leah was thankful for how Lola Pada shared God's love with others and showed Leah how to do it as well.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did Lola Pada inspire Colonel Leah Boling?
- **Ask**: How does Colonel Leah Boling share God's love with others?
- **Ask**: How can we share God's love with others who are sick or hurt?
- **Say**: Lola Pada was a volunteer chaplain who visited people who were sick or hurt. She offered comfort, prayers and even songs to help encourage others. The way she shared God's love with others inspired Col. Leah Boling in her own call. Now she visits people in the military who are sick or hurt and offers comfort and support to them.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for chaplains like Colonel Leah Boling who offer comfort, support and encouragement. Help them to continue to find ways to share your love. Amen.

Colonel Leah Boling

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Play Concentration

Cut out the cards and find a partner. Turn your cards facedown and mix them up. Then, see who can find the most matches!

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Lola Pada was a cherished member of Leah's church in Southern Philippines.	Lola Pada was a cherished member of Leah's church in Southern Philippines.	Leah Boling watched Lola Pada visit the hospital.	Leah Boling watched Lola Pada visit the hospital.
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