Bonus Activities

Older Children

The Price is Right: Look up prices of various items (milk, bread, chicken, rent, etc.). Print pictures of each item and see if children can guess what the item costs. Say "higher" or "lower" until they get it right. Talk about how Nazli tries to make do with only $25 a month. Talk about what that would buy in your town.

Preschoolers

Sort Rocks (or Shells): Bring in a variety of rocks or seashells. Encourage children to sort them by color, by feel (bumpy or smooth) and by size. Talk about how all rocks (or shells) are different, and how they can be used for different things.

All Ages

Discover Geodes: Gather items like geodes, socks and small hammers. Put the geodes into the socks and break them open using the hammers. Talk about the differences in the geodes and the surprise they hold. *If unable to find geodes, get other filled items (filled donuts, kinder joy eggs, or Easter eggs and put something in them). Talk about how these items look one way on the outside but hold a surprise inside.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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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 when you need 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, "Encouragement through a Scholarship."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Encouragement Through a Scholarship

"Hello everyone. My name is Nazli. Thank you so much for this opportunity to compete for this scholarship. I am from Djibouti, and I am pursuing my master's degree in geology. I know what you're thinking—it's odd that a woman wants to study geology. But I have loved studying rocks since I was a child. And I wanted to show everyone that women can do the things they love too. I am the first one in my family to study for a master's degree. And my parents are so proud. But I have four siblings still at home. And my father doesn't always get a paycheck like he should. His boss has even kept his wages for three months before. It makes it very difficult for him to support us. I need this scholarship so that I am able to do a required internship for my last semester of grad school. While I doing this internship, I won't be able to work another job to support myself. I may have to drop out, and then I don't know what I will do. Thank you for listening to my story," Nazli said as she stood up to leave. Afterwards, Karen and the rest of the scholarship committee talked about the candidates. They kept coming back to Nazli's story. Her desire to become a leading woman in her country and to change opinions about the role of women really stood out. They decided to grant her a full scholarship to help her fulfill her dreams.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What was going on in Nazli's life?
- **Ask**: Why did Nazli need the scholarship? How were Karen and her church able to help Nazli?
- **Ask**: How can we encourage others and help them keep going?
- **Say**: Nazli was trying to finish grad school so that she could become a leading woman in her country and change people's opinions about the role of women. But her father was having a hard time supporting their family, and Nazli needed to do an internship to graduate. She wouldn't be earning enough money to take care of herself and needed some help. Karen and her church were able to give her a full scholarship so that she could make it to graduation.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for scholarships that help people with their schooling. Help Karen and her church continue to have enough funds to give this scholarship to sub-Saharan university students who are having a difficult time. Amen.

Karen

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Learn About

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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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Nazli is the first of her family to attend higher studies.	Nazli is the first of her family to attend higher studies.	Nazli's family has five children, and it is hard for them to support Nazli financially.	Nazli's family has five children, and it is hard for them to support Nazli financially.
Nazli tries to make do with $25 a month for all her expenses.	Nazli tries to make do with $25 a month for all her expenses.	Nazli shares a room with 8 other roommates to save money.	Nazli shares a room with 8 other roommates to save money.
Nazli worries that she couldn't do her required internship and must drop out of school.	Nazli worries that she couldn't do her required internship and must drop out of school.	Nazli received a full scholarship to help her make it to graduation with high honors!	Nazli received a full scholarship to help her make it to graduation with high honors!