Bonus Activities

Older Children

Sing Praises to God: Use VBS music or other praise and worship music with which your class is familiar. Go through any lyrics and motions before you sing to make sure everyone knows them (or print out lyric sheets). Play a recording of the music or ask one of your church musicians to play it. Talk to children about how music can make us feel good, and how it brings us joy to sing praises to God.

Preschoolers

Play Instruments: Gather various musical instruments and encourage children to experiment with the beat. Play them fast and then play them slow. Play some child-friendly music in the background and encourage them to follow the beat. Talk about how Jonathan Bailey teaches music in Bali.

All Ages

Host a Picnic: Gather a snack that you know your class enjoys. Locate nice plates (clear plastic or other nice looking disposable plates), use clear plastic cups and spread out a picnic blanket. As children eat their snack, talk about how much fun it can be to share a meal with friends. Talk about how it makes us smile and encourages us.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

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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**: "How do your friends encourage you when you are sad?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Celebrating a Birthday."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

From the journal of Jonathan Bailey, September 15

I was tired. It had been a very long year, and I was having a hard time finding joy and happiness. And then I came back to Bali. I came back just as our music ministry was starting back, and I was looking forward to things being more normal. We had many new students in our Narwastu community, and I wanted to focus on getting acquainted with them. Many of them were brand new to Bali, and I wanted to make sure they felt welcome. And one of them wanted to make sure that I felt the love of the community right back. Divya had been at Narwastu for long enough that she had experienced the love and community here, and she was looking for a way to give back to the community. She heard that my birthday was coming up, and so she began planning a party. I told her I didn't need one, but she didn't listen. Two weeks later, my kitchen, open once again to all, was filled with distinctive aromas of food from around the world. There was the music of strings and voices, celebrating my birthday and the joy of being together. There are so many hard days in ministry when you wonder if you are making a difference. But tonight, I saw firsthand that my ministry here matters. I matter to these people. God's love is making a difference in their lives. And love levels the playing field for us all.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How does Jonathan minister at Narwastu?
- **Ask**: How did the community of Narwastu show their love and support to Jonathan Bailey?
- **Ask**: Is there someone you know who needs encouragement? How can you encourage them?
- **Say**: Jonathan Bailey is part of the music ministry at Narwastu. He helps teach music and builds community with students from around the world. He shares God's love and helps them to know that they are welcome. The community of Narwastu came together to have a birthday party for him to remind him of their love for him. They encouraged him simply by showing up for him.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for Jonathan Bailey and his ministry in Bali. Help him be encouraged by the community there. Help him to find new ways to share your great love. Amen.

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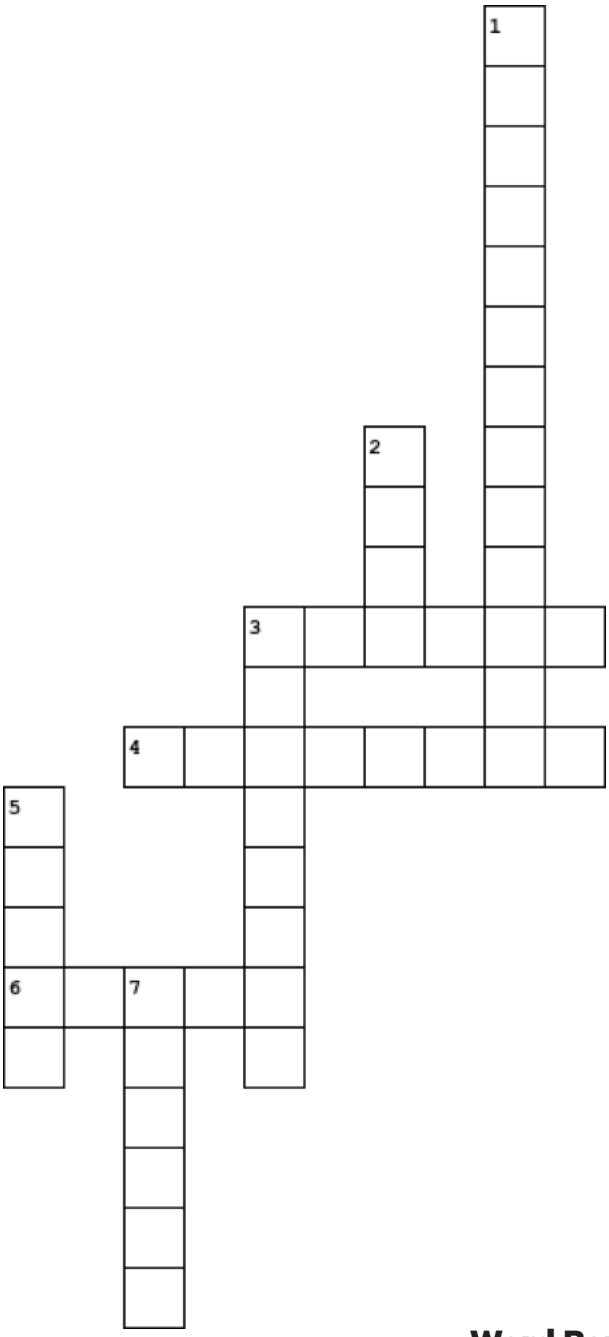
Serving in Bali Crossword



Down

1. What Jonathan's friends offered him through a party
2. Place where Jonathan Bailey lives
3. Kind of party his friends gave him
5. What Jonathan teaches in Bali
7. What Jonathan's friends cooked for him

Across

3. Jonathan _____ is CBF field personnel
4. The artist community in which Jonathan ministers
6. A country where some of Jonathan's students are from

Word Bank

BAILEY
BALI
BIRTHDAY
MUSIC
NARWASTU
INDIA
DINNER
ENCOURAGEMENT