Bonus Activities

Older Children

Prayer Stations: Gather supplies for the prayer stations: band-aids, Legos, art supplies and a Bible. Put them at four different stations. Then, add directions: Station 1: hold a band-aid and say a prayer for people who have been hurt in a war. Station 2: Build a Lego house and as you build, say a prayer that refugees in Europe will find safe places to live. Station 3: Look at the art supplies. Which one is your favorite? Pray for Tina Bailey as she helps others work through hard things by using art. Station 4: As you look at the Bible, pray for Tina as she helps new believers follow God. Ask God to help Tina share God's great love with everyone she meets!

Preschoolers

Dance to Music: Play some upbeat praise and worship music and encourage children to dance along. Option: Play music from Vacation Bible School and see if children remember the motions. Talk about how Tina teaches dance classes and through dance helps people work through how they feel.

All Ages

Create Art: Gather supplies (dot paint for younger children, paints for older children, markers, crayons, stencils, pencils and construction paper). Encourage children to use their imagination and create a piece of art. Maybe they would like to create a picture of something or someone they love. Maybe they would like to create an imaginary scene. Whatever it is, encourage them to simply create. Ask for volunteers to share their creations. Talk about how art helps us connect to ourselves and how we are feeling. If you are happy, you may use lots of bright, cheerful colors. If you are sad or mad, you might use darker colors.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Isaiah 40:31

But those who trust the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired.

Session Outline

Prepare

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

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask**: "Where do you see signs of hope?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Signs of Hope in Refugees."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Signs of Hope in Refugees

"Hi, Tina, thanks so much for sitting down with us today to chat about what life and ministry is like in Austria," Jennifer said as she opened the CBF podcast.

"Thanks so much for having me," said Tina.

"What's a typical day like for you?" asked Jennifer.

"Oh my," said Tina, laughing. "There's no such thing as a typical day. If you had asked me five years ago when I was in Bali, I could have told you. But here in Austria, every day is different. And I love it! There are some days when I get to paint. There are days when I lead painting and other art classes for refugees and immigrants. As they create and become more comfortable with one another, they begin to share their stories. Many of them have had really difficult times. But I have been seeing more smiles as hope begins to bloom in them as they create. Art helps us process so many things. Art helps us connect to ourselves and to our emotions, and creating helps us connect to our Creator. Some days, I get to coach people on stage and some days I get to teach dance. The longer I am here, the more hope I see. It's in the little things—the way someone's smile is bigger than it was before. The way the opera singers I coach are more connected to their music. The way a self-portrait project can change the way someone sees themselves. I am so grateful that God is using my gifts to connect with people in new ways!"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What forms of art does Tina use to help others?
- **Ask**: How is creating art helping refugees and immigrants in Austria?
- **Ask**: How might art give us hope?
- **Say**: Tina helps refugees and immigrants through using various forms of art: painting, drawing, singing, dancing and more. Through these various creative outlets, Tina helps refugees and immigrants connect with who they are, connect with others and connect with God. They can work through their emotions and pain as well as they create. Art can help us as well connect to ourselves and to our Creator.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for your creation and the hope that it brings us. Help us connect to ourselves and to you as we find ways to be creative. Thank you for Tina and her creativity. Help her to find ways to reach refugees and immigrants in Austria and throughout Europe. Amen.

Tina Boyles Bailey

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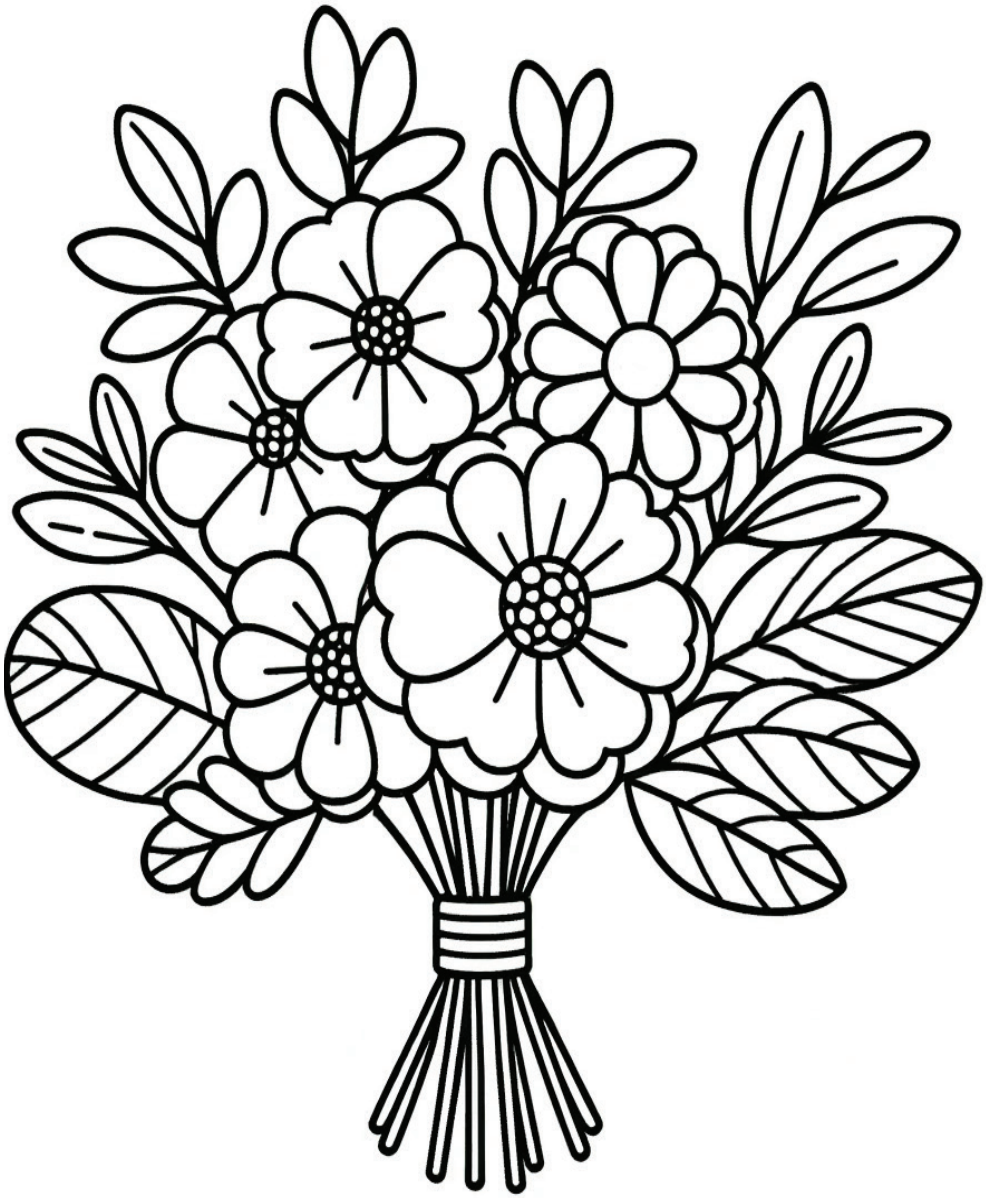
Coloring Sheet

Color in the flowers and remember that hope blooms, just like flowers do!



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