Bonus Activities

All Ages

Create an Obstacle Course: Create an obstacle course in your room using items like chairs, big blocks, hula hoops, etc. Pair children up. Encourage older children to have one person in the team close their eyes while the other one helps them through the obstacle course. Encourage younger children to help each other through the course. Talk about how we sometimes must depend on others for help.

Older Children

Write Blessings: Write encouraging Bible verses or prayers of blessings on cards and take them around the church. Encourage children to tape them to the walls or to tables.

Preschoolers

Play House: Locate a play kitchen, play food and other home supplies (broom, pillows, etc.). Encourage children to play house. As they are playing, talk about the things we need at our homes, and how the families at Naomi house must depend on others to get these things.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Isaiah 40:31

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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 you get the things you need?"

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 for Asylum Seekers."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Signs of Hope for Asylum Seekers

"Welcome, everyone! This is our Naomi House. We had a family of five living here from Honduras. While they were here, we helped supply them with clothes, food and school supplies. Volunteers began helping them learn English, and helped the mom fill out job applications. The mom has a job now and they have a home of their own! None of this would have been possible without volunteers like you. As we get more asylum seekers, we need more and more volunteers. We are so grateful you have answered our call!" Tiffani Harris, associate pastor at DaySpring Baptist Church said. "We often get asked about the difference between refugees and asylum seekers. Both have come to the United States looking for a better, safer life. But asylum seekers face many challenges. Refugees are given some funding through the government, even though it is small. Asylum seekers receive no government assistance and cannot legally have a job for 180 days while their paperwork is processed. They must depend on others to survive. And that's where we come in. We are here to help them get through that difficult time. We give them hope for a better future and remind them that there are people who care about them. Your churches help us have the resources and funding we need to continue to help these families." As Tiffani continued the tour of Naomi House, she thanked God once again for providing everything they needed to continue to help asylum seeking families.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How does Naomi House help asylum seekers?
- **Ask**: How are asylum seekers different from refugees?
- **Ask**: How can we help people who do not have the things they need in our community?
- **Say**: Naomi House offers a safe place to go for asylum seekers. They provide everything they need, from clothing and food, to help with learning English and with job applications. They get asylum seekers through the 180 days when they cannot legally work. Unlike refugees, asylum seekers are on their own. They don't have any funding from the government and are not legally able to work while their paperwork is processed.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for Naomi House. Please help the asylum seekers who stay there. Help them to find hope for the future as the volunteers help them. Please help Naomi House to expand so that they can help even more asylum seekers. Amen.

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Word Search

Find the words in the word bank and learn more about Naomi House!

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