Bonus Activities

All Ages

Hear a Call Story: Ask a minister to come to your class to tell the story of how they became a minister. Encourage children to ask questions!

Older Children

Learn a Magic Trick: Choose a magic trick for your class to learn based on their age level and skill (www.care.com/c/easy-magic-tricks-for-kids/ or www.splashlearn.com/blog/fun-magic-tricks-for-kids-they-can-easily-learn). Gather supplies needed for the trick you choose. Encourage children to practice until they get the trick right. Talk about how Charles Tinsley has created magic for his church.

Preschoolers

Build with Blocks: Gather cardboard or wooden blocks and encourage children to build a house or a church. Talk about how builders work hard to make these places sturdy. Talk about how others have come to St. Paul Baptist Church to help make it sturdy.

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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 have others helped your family when you needed 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, "Hope through Connection."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Hope through Connection

"Good morning, Charles," said Scarlette Jasper as she got out of the car. "I just wanted to check in and see how things are going." "Well, good morning, Scarlette," said Charles. "It's great to see you. Everything is still standing!" Scarlette and Charles both laughed as Charles said, "But seriously, we are so grateful for y'all. Without the hard work of Together for Hope and St. Matthew's Baptist Church, and of course Elmer, I don't know where we would be. We were getting by with what we had, but man our building needed some love. And you guys delivered! Sometimes I just stare at our new floor—it's gorgeous! And we are so thankful that the bats are gone. I mean, I've heard of bats in the belfry, but they were a nuisance!" Charles said. "We are so glad we could help, Charles," said Scarlette. "I am grateful that we can be part of the great work St. Paul's is doing in Barbourville. I know times are hard, but you guys are doing such a wonderful job with the kids here," she said. "We love those kids," said Charles. "We're trying to do everything we can to help them. We want them to have the best lives they can. And we know that the best life you can have is a life lived for the Lord!" "Amen," said Scarlette. Together, Charles and Scarlette walked inside to discuss the next project they would partner on. Together, they could keep making a difference for the Kingdom of God.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How are Charles and St. Paul Baptist helping the Kingdom of God?
- **Ask**: How have connections helped St. Paul Baptist and Charles?
- **Ask**: How does our church help others in our community?
- **Say**: St. Paul Baptist Church has a growing ministry. There are many children and teenagers who go to St. Paul Baptist. Charles Tinsley, the pastor, and the rest of the congregation have been doing everything they can to help them. Scarlette Jasper and Together for Hope, as well as Elmer Parlier and others have helped keep St. Paul up and running. Together, they have worked to replace the things that are broken so that the church can continue to help the community.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for pastors like Charles Tinsley who have a heart for their community. Please help St. Paul Baptist continue to make a difference in Barbourville. Help their connections with Together for Hope and Scarlette Jasper continue to be a blessing in the life of their church. Amen.

Charles Tinsley

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Board Game

(Items needed: playing piece, dice) Play a game and learn more about Charles Tinsley and St. Paul Baptist Church.

St. Paul Baptist has lots of kids coming to their youth program. Roll again!		Pastor Tinsley worries that the roof will cave in. Move back 1 space.
Elmer Parlier, part of the Oklahoma Builders and a handyman, begins coming to worship. Move forward 1 space.		The Oklahoma Builders came to put a roof on the church. Move forward 2 spaces!
Elmer introduces you to Scarlette Jasper, CBF field personnel serving with Together for Hope. Roll again!		
	Together for Hope gets rid of the bats and helps with other repairs. You have made a connection for life! Move to the finish line!	You win!