Bonus Activities

All Ages

Host a Tea Ceremony: Gather hot tea and cups, as well as pillows/blankets. If desired, push back tables and allow children to sit on pillows/blankets. Serve hot tea. Tell children that the purpose of a tea ceremony is to create bonding between the guest and the host, and to promote inner peace. Many tea ceremonies last for several hours, and people spend years training to host tea ceremonies. Option: show children this tea ceremony video as they drink their tea. https://mai-ko.com/travel/culture-in-japan/tea-ceremony/japanese-tea-ceremony.

Older Children

See the Japanese Alphabet: Show this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD3FJgij79c If time allows, give children paper and pencils to practice some or all of the Japanese alphabet. Talk about how Carson and Laura spent time in language school to learn Japanese.

Preschoolers

Pretend to be Robots: In Japan, there are robots that do all kinds of things! In fact, at the science museum in Komatsu, you can learn about 17 different types of robots in use ranging from smart speakers and cleaning robots to underwater drones and rescue robots. Two humanoid communication robots called "Pepper" roam the halls of the museum and interact with visitors. Ada and Judah, Carson and Laura Foushee's children, had fun interacting with them. Encourage children to act like robots (give some examples of how robots act if needed).

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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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 show others hospitality?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Showing Hospitality."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Showing Hospitality

“こんにちは (Kon’nichiwa—Hello in Japanese)!” Laura said as Francis opened her door. “Thank you for inviting us tonight. We’re excited to be here.” “Welcome!” said Francis. “Thank you for coming. You guys have been so welcoming to me over the last few weeks since I moved here, and I wanted to do something for you. You all are the first people I have invited over,” said Francis. “We are honored,” said Carson. Over the next few hours, they shared tea and a meal, laughed, shared stories and bonded over being internationals living in Japan. Later after they left, Laura and Carson reflected on what they had learned from Francis. They learned so much about her culture and what brought her to Japan. They were reminded of how God can help even in the darkest times, and how God sends people just when you need them. “That was a lot of fun,” said Laura. “I’m so glad she invited us. It sometimes feels like we are always the ones doing the inviting. Which is good, but this was a reminder that we need hospitality too.” “Definitely,” said Carson. “What was it that you said in your sermon a few weeks ago? The best kind of hospitality is where we share meals, worship together, open our hearts to each other, and learn from one another.” “Yes!” said Laura. “It’s through doing those things that we build relationships. And everyone is changed for the better.”

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What is hospitality?
- **Ask**: How do Laura and Carson show hospitality? How do others show hospitality to them?
- **Ask**: How can we help others feel welcome?
- **Say**: Hospitality is being open to others. It is sharing meals with others, welcoming them in, opening your heart to them, and learning from them. When you offer hospitality, you allow someone to be part of your life and to change you. Laura and Carson show hospitality by offering a place for internationals to feel welcome. They work to learn about their needs and offer meals, assistance and friendship as internationals get settled in Kanazawa.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for ways that we can welcome others. Help us to be welcoming as we share your great love. Help Laura and Carson Foushee find ways to welcome internationals into Kanazawa. Amen.

Carson and Laura Foushee

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Hospitality Word Search

Find words that describe how we can show hospitality. Then, think about how we use these to show hospitality. Share your thoughts with your class!

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