Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Belgian Snack: Choose to offer French fries or Belgian waffles for snack. Talk about how these snacks are popular treats in Belgium. Ask children what they usually dip their fries in and talk about how Belgians usually dip theirs in mayonnaise! For other options or more information, go here: www.intrepidtravel.com/us/belgium/what-to-eat-in-belgium.

Older Children

Host a Refugee Family: Gather supplies like pillows, blankets, canned goods (or pretend food) and backpacks. Ask for volunteers to be a refugee family. Everyone else will host the refugee family. Ask a volunteer to take the "refugee family" to one room- there, they will decide where they are from, who is who (mom, dad, kids, grandma, grandpa, etc.), and what has happened that they had to leave (war, flooding, not safe, etc.). In the other room, encourage the "hosts" to ready the room for the refugee family, making it look as much like home as they can. Talk about some ways that volunteers help refugee families (make sure they have furniture, clothes, food, bedding, pots and pans, etc.; helping them navigate a new city; helping them fill out paperwork and get jobs; helping them register their children for school). Encourage children to pick a way that they can help. Then, give the refugee family backpacks and encourage them to walk into the "host home." Help children interact as needed. Switch roles as time allows. Talk about how hard it is for refugees to come to new places where they must rely on others for everything.

Preschoolers

Share the Love: Gather construction paper and crayons. Encourage children to draw pictures that represent God's love. Optional: write "God loves you and we do too!" on each picture. Encourage children to give their pictures to someone who is sad.

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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 you know that others care about you?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Being a Friend."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Being a Friend

"Good morning, Janée! Thanks for being on our podcast this morning," Harrison said. "Could you talk to us about lives that are being changed through your work in Belgium?" "Good morning, Harrison! I would love to share about that," Janée said. "You know that many of the people with whom we work are refugees. A few years ago, we got a phone call from one of our church members. He had met a met from Syria who was living on the streets. Isaac was in his early 30s and was addicted to drugs. He also struggled with mental illness. His family was done with him, and he was alone. We don't believe that anyone should live a life like that, so we decided to befriend him. We helped him find an apartment to stay in and began to talk regularly with his social assistant to help find ways to offer him a good life. That was three years ago. And now, Isaac is off drugs and lives on his own. He comes to church with us nearly every week. He is even talking to his father again! He is working on becoming a Belgian national. Our friendship with him and his friendship with Jesus have changed his life. He has found the love of Christ, and he is even sharing it with others. Sometimes all it takes is being a friend. And when we share the love of Jesus with others, we help them find the best friend of all!"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did Janée and Hary offer help to Isaac?
- **Ask**: How has Isaac's life changed?
- **Ask**: How can we help others through our friendship with them?
- **Say**: Janée and Hary became Isaac's friend. They found him a place to live and had conversations with his social assistant (like a social worker here in the United States) to find out how best to help him. Through their friendship and the help of others, Isaac was able to get off drugs, live on his own and even begin talking to his father again. Isaac has a better life because of their friendship with him.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help the refugees who are looking for better lives in Belgium. Help Janée and Hary continue to befriend them and help them discover the love of Jesus. Amen.

Janée Angel

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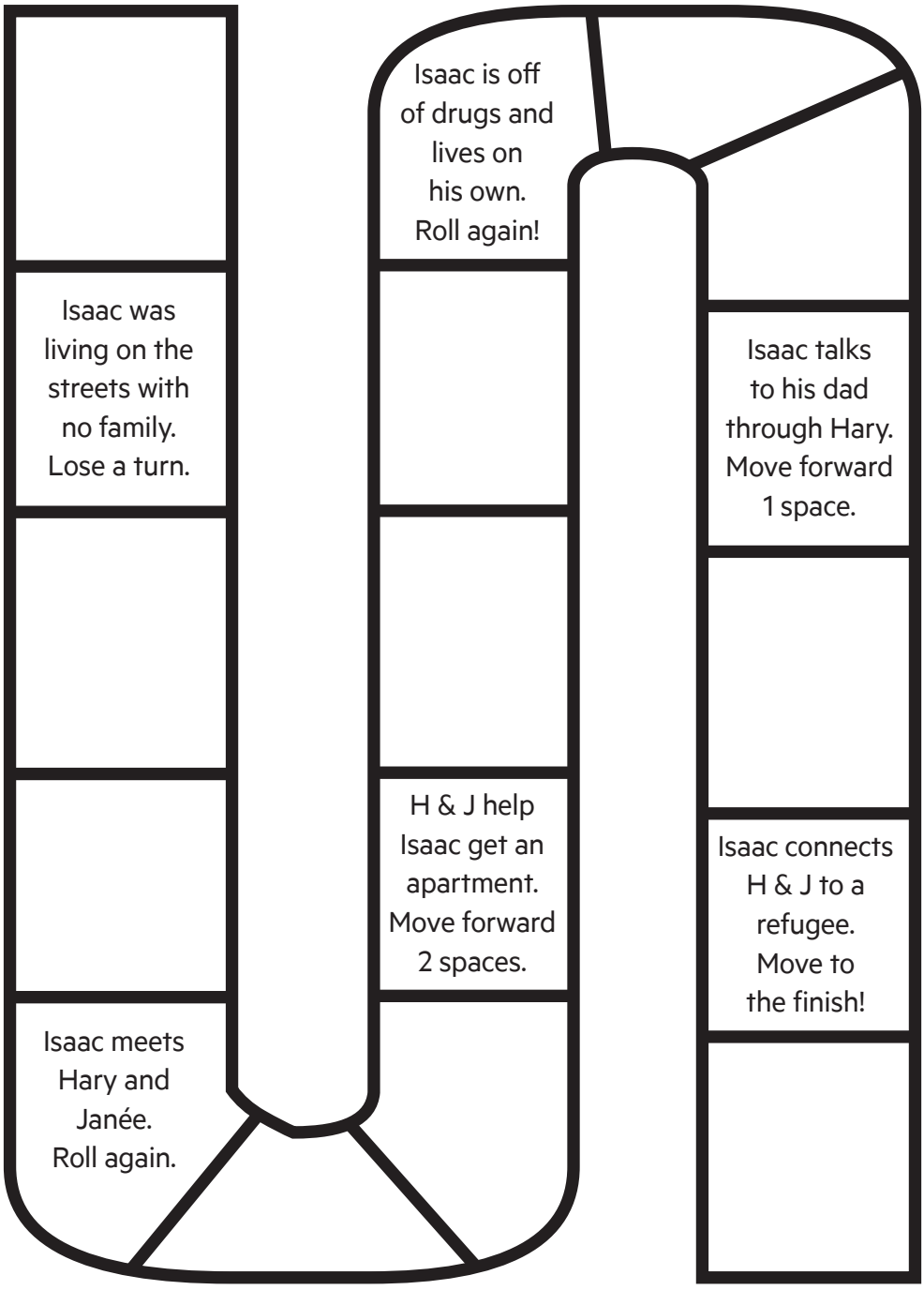
Board Game

Discover how Janée Angel and her husband, Hary, help refugees in Belgium.



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