Bonus Activities

Older Children

Plan a Worship Service: The congregation of Tallahassee Fellowship plans meaningful ways to worship together on Zoom. Talk about the different parts of your worship service. Ask children to brainstorm what they would like to see in worship. Work together to plan a worship service. Option: Bring a minister in to hear their ideas!

Preschoolers

Play Church: The congregation of Tallahassee Fellowship is a house church. Encourage children to play church, with one child leading music, others playing instruments, others preaching, reading scripture and more. If children aren't in the worship service at their church, talk to them about the different parts of worship.

All Ages

Write Thank-You Notes: Gather construction paper, markers, crayons and pens/pencils. Encourage children to write or draw thank you notes. These thank you notes can be for people who work with the homeless in your area, for doctors/nurses, social workers, or others who work with those in need.

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Theme Overview

Tallahassee Fellowship House Church, in Tallahassee, FL, provides donations so that refugees can get necessities; they also focus on building relationships with them. They focus on building community for the refugees with whom they work, providing a family and a place to belong. This session focuses on the theme of helping refugees.

Bible Verse

Matthew 25:34–40

Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

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 make friends?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Building Community."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Building Community

"Good morning, everyone!" said Candace as she opened Tallahassee Fellowship's meeting for their refugee ministry. She looked around the room and saw that almost every church member was present, as well as folks from the International Rescue Committee and the Methodist church with whom they were also working. "It's great to see you all! I wanted to take a few minutes to talk about how things are going in our refugee ministry, and ways that we can help new refugee families moving into our area. Jeff, would you like to update us on what we have done so far?" "I'd be glad to," said Jeff. "So far, we have helped meet the needs of four families, both financially and through building community with them. Through fellowships, we have built deep relationships with them. We've shared stories, laughed together, and cried together. These four families are part of our church family now, and we are grateful we could help them." "They really are part of our church family now," said Candace. "It's been amazing to see. Amanda, are there more refugee families coming into our area?" The representative from the International Rescue Committee, Amanda Wilson, stood up. She began telling them all about the two refugee families who would be coming to Tallahassee the next month. Later, as Candace thought back, she thanked the Lord for how this small house church was making a large impact on these families. They were changing lives with the power of God's love!

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How is Tallahassee Fellowship helping refugees?
- **Ask**: How is the church building community with refugees?
- **Ask**: How can we build friendships with people who are new to our community?
- **Say**: Tallahassee Fellowship helps refugees through sponsoring them and encouraging them. They help refugees with their financial needs, and they help refugees find community through offering fellowship. The people of Tallahassee Fellowship work to create relationships with refugees through sharing their stories, listening to others' stories, and bringing their community together to help.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for churches like Tallahassee Fellowship, who work hard to help refugees know that they are welcome. Help the church have what they need so that they can share with refugee families. Amen.

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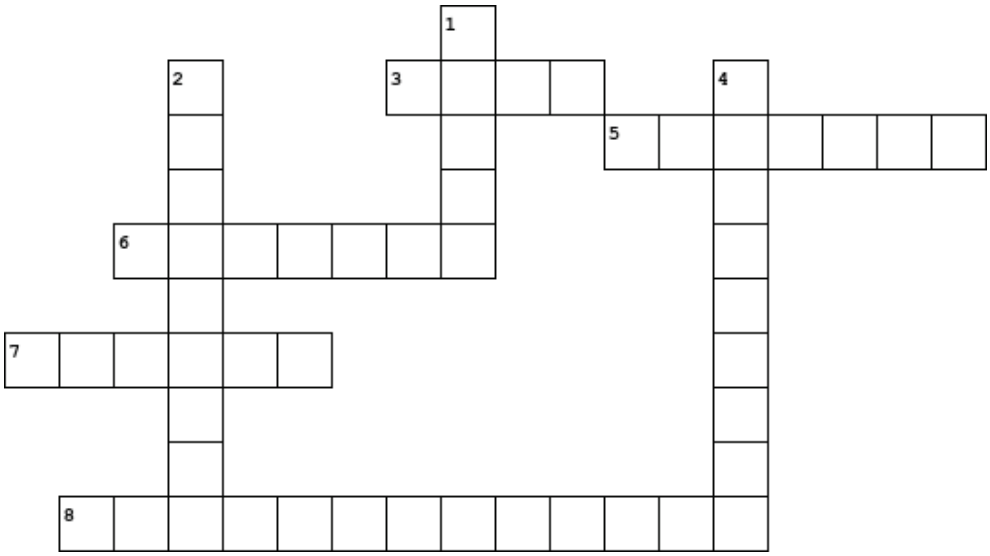
Crossword Puzzle

Discover more about Tallahassee Fellowship Church



Down

1. Tallahassee Fellowship is a _____church
2. Tallahassee Fellowship helps refugees with _____ needs, by offering money and providing donations.
4. _____ given by church members go directly to the community's needs.

Across

3. The church meets in person once a month and worships together on _____ each Sunday.
5. Tallahassee Fellowship offers a _____ ministry to help people coming from other countries who are looking for a safe place.
6. _____ Owens started Tallahassee Fellowship in her home in 2004.
7. Tallahassee Fellowship has partnered with the International _____ Committee and a nearby Methodist church to help reach refugees.
8. The people of Tallahassee Fellowship create _____ with refugees by encouraging them, sharing their stories, offering support and offering fellowships.

Word Bank

REFUGEE	RELATIONSHIPS	OFFERINGS
RESCUE	CANDACE	FINANCIAL
HOUSE	ZOOM	