Bonus Activities

All Ages

Go on a Scavenger Hunt: Print pictures of furniture (sofa, bed, table, chairs, lamps, TV, bookcase, cabinet, dresser etc.) and hide them around the room. Encourage children to find them. Use the pictures to talk about how Rick and Lita Sample gather furniture donations to help refugees have what they need.

Older Children

Make a Pillow: Gather fleece (or other fabric to make pillows), scissors, polyfill, rulers and post-it notes. For kids who like to read the directions, print out this tutorial (www.cmosc.org/diy-no-sew-pillows). Plan to show this tutorial to your class and follow the steps, pausing as needed along the way. (www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6HjUAQeMqk) As you make pillows, talk about how Rick and Lita gather the items refugees will need, including pillows! Donate these pillows or encourage kids to give their pillow to someone.

Preschoolers

Make Deliveries: Gather baskets along with pretend food, dollhouse furniture and the pictures from the scavenger hunt. Give children baskets and encourage them to deliver the items. For a different twist, have several children deliver and several children receive the items. Talk about how Rick and Lita Sample gather donations and deliver them to refugee families.

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Theme Overview

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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**: "Who helps you have what 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, "Dreaming of a Better Life."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Dreaming of a Better Life

"Knock, knock, knock." Rick and Lita Sample knocked on the door to the apartment. "Welcome!" said Rami as he opened the door. "Today is an exciting day for us! We have been sleeping on the floor and eating dinner on the floor. I tried to tell the children that it's like camping, but we are tired," Rami said. "Well, you don't have to sleep on the floor anymore! We brought lots of stuff for you guys. We have beds, a table and chairs, pillows and blankets, stuff for your kitchen and more," said Lita. "Thank you, thank you, thank you," said Rami. "We are forever grateful to you both." Rami and Nela's four children came running out of their room as Nela followed behind them. "You're here!" said the children in unison. "We're here!" said Rick. "And we need your help. Can you help us unload the truck?" The children ran outside with Rick as Lita, Rami, and Nela followed. "We cannot thank you enough," said Nela. "We didn't know what to do. It took all our money just to get this apartment. You guys are amazing." "We had a lot of help," said Lita. "There are many good people who love God and who want to help others." "We are thankful for this community of believers," said Nela. "And you and Rick, now you are our family here in America." As they left later, Rami hugged them both, thanking them for helping their American dream to come true.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What were Rami, Nela and their family going through?
- **Ask**: How did Rick and Lita help them?
- **Ask**: How can we help others have what they need?
- **Say**: When Rami, Nela, and their family first came to San Francisco from Afghanistan, they had no money and no jobs. They were homeless and living in their car. Then, Rami got a job, and they began living in a motel. Finally, they were able to get an apartment, but they didn't have money for anything else. That's when Lita and Rick stepped in to help. They gathered donations of furniture, household goods, beds, kitchen necessities, and more. They delivered them to the family and helped them with their American dream (the dream of being able to live and thrive in America).
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for the Samples and how they help refugees have what they need. Help us look for ways that we can help others have what they need as well. Amen.

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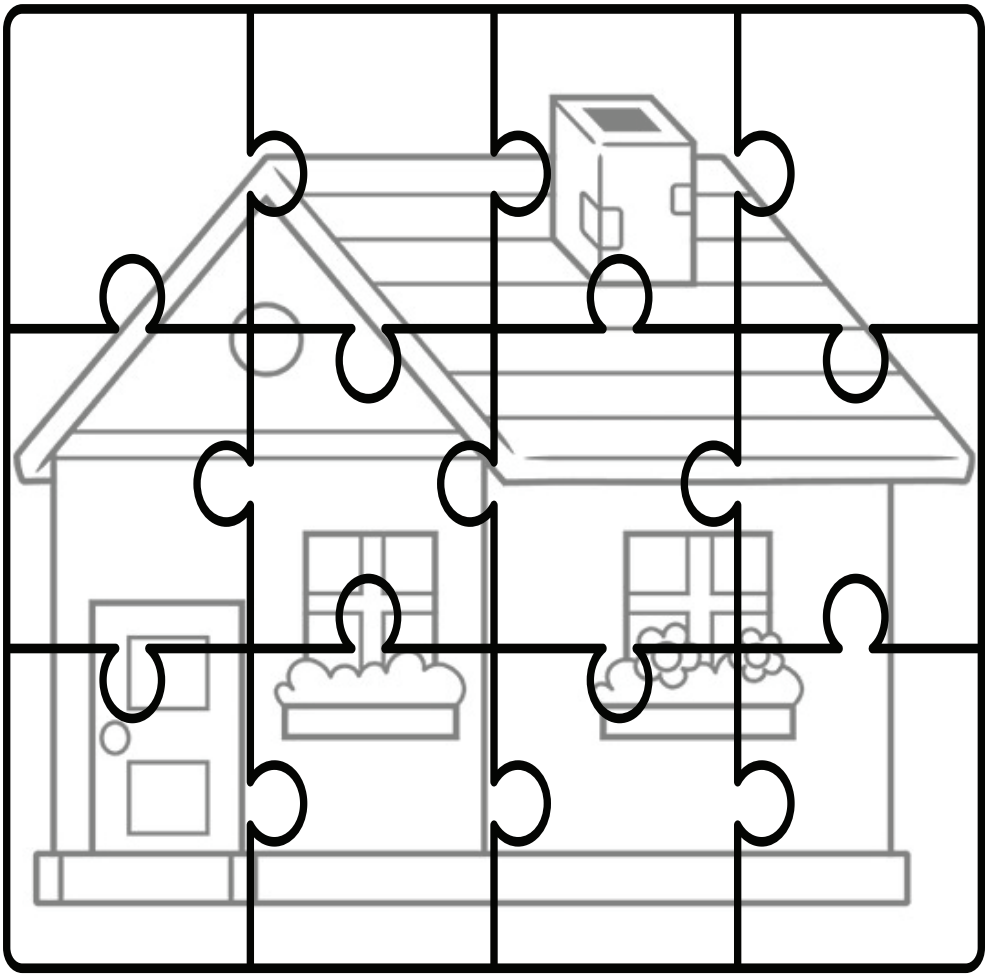
American Dream Puzzle

One of the things that refugees dream of when they come to America is having a safe place to live. Color in your home puzzle, cut it out, and put it together as a reminder of this dream.