Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy Cake: Provide cake or cupcakes, plates and napkins. Give each child a piece of cake or a cupcake. Talk about how chaplains don't just pray for others but also celebrate with them. They celebrate new babies, and they celebrate healing with others.

Older Children

Hat Relay Race: Gather one hat for each person. Divide the group into two teams, with one person on each team being the hat wearer. Put the hats on the other side of the room from the hat wearers. Encourage teams to run to the hat wearer with their hat and put it on their head (one at a time). The goal is to have all the hats on the hat wearer and for the hat wearer to walk back to their team without dropping any hats!

Preschoolers

Build a Bridge: Gather wooden blocks, cardboard blocks or Lego bricks. Encourage the children to build a bridge out of blocks. Talk about how bridges connect things, and how chaplains can help connect patients to their families, their doctors and the resources they need.

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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**: "What roles do you have in your life?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Wearing a Lot of Hats."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Wearing a Lot of Hats

"Hi Renée," Steven said. "Stacey, a reporter from CNN, is writing an article about the ways that chaplains help others. Do you have a few minutes to talk to her?" "Of course," said Renée. A few minutes later, Renée found herself talking about what a chaplain does. "I know many people picture us leading worship, sitting in a chapel reading a Bible and praying for others. We do those things. But we also do a lot more than that. We help individuals and families understand and complete living wills and healthcare directives. We make sure patients have access to resources. We celebrate healing and we celebrate new babies being born. We encourage people. We help in times of crisis, calming others down and providing leadership and support. We offer family support and grief counseling. We are mediators when things are difficult, and we can help make sure doctors are talking to one another to give a patient the best care they can. We help individuals in crisis get the help they need. We even help navigate systems," Renée said. "Wow!" said Stacey. "I knew about many of those, but a few of them were a surprise. So basically, what you're saying is that chaplains wear a lot of hats!" "Yes," Renée said, laughing. "And right now we have 902 actively serving CBF-endorsed chaplains and pastoral counselors who are wearing those hats." "They are doing important work. Thank you for taking time to talk to me," said Stacey. "Of course," said Renée. "And thank you for sharing our work with the world!"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What are some of the roles that chaplains have?
- **Ask**: Which of these roles seemed most important to you? Why?
- **Ask**: Which of these roles could we do? How can we use these roles to help people in our community?
- **Say**: Chaplains wear a lot of hats and do many things to help other people. Each of these roles is important, although each of us may have one role that feels more important than the others. We all have a few roles in our lives as well. We are children. Some of us are moms and dads. Some are brothers or sisters. We are grandchildren. Some of us are nieces and nephews, and some may be aunts and uncles. Some of us are team members and some of us do other things. There are several roles that you have right now, and you will have many more roles in your life. All of these roles are pieces of who you are.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for chaplains. Thank you for the support they give to others and the help they give. Help them to get the help and support they need as well so that they can continue to minister to others. Amen.

Renée Owen

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Concentration

Chaplains wear a lot of hats! Find a friend and cut out your cards to play a game of concentration/memory and see some of the roles that chaplains play.

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Mediator	Liaison	Spiritual Care
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