Pathlight

Your word is a lamp that gives light wherever I walk. Psalm 119:105 (CEV)

Mission Project: Live Out Your Faith

Week 1: Brainstorm ways that your group can live out your faith. What does your church already do? What are some ways that your group can help others in your community? Make a list of ideas.

Week 2: Before this session, do some research and determine which ideas could actually be done by your group. Then, bring that list to the group and have them choose what to do. Talk about the next steps. (When will you do this? How will you do this? What will it look like?)

Week 3: Participate in Living Out Your Faith. If you are bringing in food, go to other classes and ask them to bring in food as well.

Week 4: Participate in Living Out Your Faith.

Week 5: Talk about how Living Out Your Faith went. What went well? What could have gone better? What can you do next time?

Example: Your group could bring in food to take to a food pantry that is Thanksgiving related. Or they could volunteer to serve in a soup kitchen or hand out food the week of Thanksgiving. If your group isn't able to do any of these things, they could write thank you notes for the volunteers who feed the hungry at Thanksgiving.

Preschool Stations

Station 1: Books/Puzzles

November 2: *Learn to Spell Refugee* | Write the letters of "refugee" on index cards, one letter per card (alternatively, use bulletin board letters). Hide them around your room. Encourage children to find them. Then, help them spell out the word "refugee" with their letters. Talk about how refugees are people who must leave their homes because it isn't safe to stay.

November 9: *Gather Puzzles About the Weather* | Alternatively, put together a mini obstacle course. Talk about how it can be hard to find your way in the dark and easy to run into things.

November 16: *Read Books About Food Insecurity* | ..such as *Saturday at the Food Pantry* or *Maddi's Fridge*. Read aloud videos of these books are available here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-kr5s_Iw5Y (*Saturday at the Food Pantry*) and www.youtube.com/watch?v=To07TjBnrNY (*Maddi's Fridge*).

November 23: *Read Books About Thanksgiving* | Gather books from this list: www.readbrightly.com/thanksgiving-picture-books/or other Thanksgiving books for children. Talk about what Thanksgiving is and why we celebrate.

November 30: *Gather Puzzles from Around the World* | Talk about how Tina Boyles Bailey works with refugees from around the world who come to Austria and Hungary in Europe.

Station 2: Art/Music

November 2: *Create a Welcome Sign* | Using butcher paper, crayons and stickers, create a welcome sign to put on the outside of your classroom. Talk to children about how we can welcome others.

November 9: *Sing "This Little Light of Mine"* | Find a video of it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkbIZtqhyQ&list=RDcKkbIZtqhyQ&start_radio=1. Talk about how we share Jesus with others.

November 16: *Sing "Jesus Loves Me"* | Find a video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aypjwXjPKrA&list=RDaypjwXjPKrA&start_radio=1 . Talk about how FBC Front Royal shares Jesus' love with others.

November 23: *Create a Picture of Thanksgiving* | Talk about what it means to be thankful for something (to be thankful means that we recognize the good things in our lives and we are glad we have them). Ask children to name some good things in their lives. Encourage them to draw some of those things and create a picture of thanksgiving. Help as needed.

November 30: *Create a Picture of How You Feel* | Using construction paper and crayons, encourage children to create a picture of how they feel. Encourage them to choose colors based on how they feel (red may be mad or blue may be sad, or orange could be happy, etc.). Tell them to choose what the colors mean. Ask them to explain what their colors mean.

Station 3: Play Pretend

November 2: *Go to the Grocery Store* | Create a grocery store using pretend food, carts/baskets, tables and a play cash register. Encourage children to shop at the grocery store and work at the cash register. Talk about how members of Tallahassee Fellowship help refugees get the groceries they need.

November 9: *Practice Hospitality* | Pretend that you are a new person coming into your classroom. Help children practice hospitality by greeting you, helping you find things, etc. Talk about how we can help others feel welcome.

November 16: *Dream Big* | Ask children to dream: if they could do anything, what would they do? If they could be anybody, who would they be? Talk about how God sometimes gives us big dreams and helps make them happen!

November 23: *Play Restaurant* | Gather pretend food, a play kitchen and tables and chairs. Encourage children to cook for each other and serve one another. Talk about how FBC Front Royal serves meals to people in need.

November 30: *Be a Tourist* | Recreate Austria in your room by putting up pictures from here: www.cntraveler.com/gallery/photos-that-will-make-you-want-to-visit-austria and here: https://practicalwanderlust.com/graz-austria-photo-to-travel-guide. Encourage children to "visit" each picture and take pictures of it (with a play camera or by using their hands as a camera). Then, talk about any favorites that they had. Use the practical wanderlust article to share some interesting facts about Graz, Austria, where Tina Boyles Bailey serves.

Station 4: Games

November 2: *Play with Blocks* | Encourage children to build a house out of blocks. Say a prayer for refugees, that they will have safe places to live.

November 9: *Play Charades* | Give each child a picture of an animal (or whisper it into their ear). Encourage them to act out their animal without using any words. Encourage the other children to guess what animal they are. Talk about how it can be hard to communicate when we can't use our words.

November 16: *Stock the Pantry Race* | Gather canned goods and other necessities (like peanut butter or rice). Put the canned goods on one side and a basket on the other. Encourage children to stand in a line and pass the canned goods to each other, with the person closest to the basket putting the canned good inside. Then, encourage that child to come stand at the end of the line. For two-and-three-year-olds, encourage each child to pick up a canned good and take it over to the basket as fast as they can.

November 23: *Do the Turkey Waddle* | Encourage children to waddle like turkeys (demonstrate) and to gobble as they waddle. Encourage them to race to see who can waddle the fastest!

November 30: *Play on the Playground* | Graz, Austria, has the world's tallest underground slide! Have fun playing on the playground, or if it is too cold, find steps to climb in your church. In order to get to the underground slide, you have to climb up the winding steps of Schlossberg Hill. Check out the slide here: www.graztourismus.at/en/sightseeing-culture/sights/the-slide_shg_1525.