## Bonus Activities

### All Ages

**Enjoy a Bookish Snack:** Provide Teddy Grahams (chocolate and/or honey versions), mini marshmallows, honey nut cereal, a big bowl, spoon, small bowls and water. Encourage children to dump everything into the big bowl to mix this snack inspired by the children's book, *Corduroy*. As they eat, ask them to think of snack ideas inspired by other popular books.

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**Deliver Food:** Gather pretend food or canned goods and baskets. Divide children into two teams, giving each team a basket of pretend food or canned goods. Place another basket for each team on the other side of the room. Tell teams that the child in the back of the line will grab a food item and start passing it, over and under, to the front of the line. The child at the front will run to the other basket and place it in. They'll run back to the back of the line, grab another food item, and start passing it. This will continue until one team has delivered all their food. Talk about how Warsaw Baptist works with another church to collect food for the food pantry.

### Older Children

**Practice the Bible Verse:** Use a whiteboard and dry erase markers or a chalkboard and chalk to write the Bible verse for the children to see. Encourage children to sit in a semi-circle with the whiteboard behind them. Talk about how it can be hard to stand up in front of people and talk, and how one of the children from Warsaw Baptist stood up in front of the church and talked about their book drive. Ask for volunteers to stand up in front of your class to read the Bible verse. Talk about how practicing talking in front of others can help you be more confident.


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

## Theme Overview

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## Bible Verse

**Isaiah 43:18–19**

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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 big dreams do you have?"

### 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 for Those in Need."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

### Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

# Dreaming for Those in Need

"Ms. Kristi, can you believe there are kids in our town who don't have books to read?" Brooke asked. "It's sad that they don't have books," Kristi said. "I'm so glad this church is helping them get books when their families come to the food bank to get food." "Can we help too?" Brooke asked. "That's a wonderful idea, Brooke! Our church would love to help," Kristi said.

When we got back to church, Brooke got to work right away. She and her friends began creating a flyer to pass out Sunday morning. As they were working, Kristi asked, "Brooke, would you like to tell the church about our book drive?" "Um, I've never spoken in front of the whole church before. That sounds a little scary. But okay, I'll do it! I really want to collect lots of books for kids in need," Brooke said. Brooke and Kristi worked on her announcement together, and then Sunday morning, she stood up and told the church about her dream for all kids in the community to have books to read. The church family was excited that she was excited, and they began bringing in bags and bags of books! Since then, Warsaw Baptist Church has collected and distributed over 1,000 books for the children in the community. What started with one child dreaming that others would have books has turned into a great help to the community! Warsaw Baptist Church is so proud of Brooke and the other children who are dreaming big dreams for those in need.

## Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How is Warsaw Baptist Church helping children in need?
- **Ask**: How did they start this ministry?
- **Ask**: What are things you love to do? How can we help other children who want to do those things too?
- **Say**: Warsaw Baptist Church collected books to give to children in need. It started when their children's ministry took food to the food pantry at a neighboring Methodist church. There, they learned that they were also collecting books to give to children in need. One of the children (Brooke) loves to read and wanted other kids to have books too. She told the church about it and now they collect lots of books to help children in need. There are ways we can help children in need in our community as well. (Talk about how the things the kids mention that they love can help children in your community.)
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help us to find ways to use the things we love to help people in need. Amen.

## Warsaw Baptist Church

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## Create Bookmarks

Use these templates to create bookmarks. If your church collects books to donate, place one bookmark in each book that will be given to someone in need. Draw a fun picture or write a Bible verse or affirmation to encourage the person who receives it.