## Bonus Activities

### All Ages

**Enjoy a Filipino Dish:** (https://globeaware.org/news/globe-aware-news/1675-20-popular-filipino-foods-you-have-to-try-at-least-once) Gather ice cream, small white bread rolls, a knife, spoons and plates. Cut the small white bread rolls in half. Spoon some ice cream onto one side of the bread and make a sandwich with the other side. Encourage children to try their ice cream sandwiches. Talk about how Filipinos use white bread instead of cookies for ice cream sandwiches.

### Older Children

**Make a Welcome Sign:** Provide butcher paper and crayons, markers or colored pencils. Encourage children to work together to create a welcome sign for your church. Hang it somewhere in the church to help visitors feel welcome.

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**Set the Table Relay:** Gather two sets of plastic utensils (spoon, fork and knife), plastic plates, cups, napkins, placemats and two tables (or TV trays). Put tables at one end of your room. Put a set of plastic utensils (fork, knife, spoon), a plate, a cup, a napkin and a placemat on the other side of the room, one set for each team. Divide your class into two teams. When it is their turn, they will grab one thing to set the table, run to the table, place it, and run back, tagging the next person. This will continue until the last person makes sure the table is set (placemat with the plate on top of it. Spoon and knife on right side of plate, fork on top of napkin on left, cup on righthand side.) Talk about how inviting people for dinner can be a way to welcome them and share God's love.


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## Theme Overview

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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**: "Who helps you feel welcome?"

### Engage

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

### Share

- Tell the Story, "Welcoming with Hospitality."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

### Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

# Welcoming with Hospitality

"Moving is exhausting," Brittany said to Casey as they continued to work through what they could take with them to the Philippines and everything they needed to leave behind. "I know. I spent most of the day trying to convince the kids that we couldn't bring every toy they had. It's hard right now, but I know this is what the Lord wants for our family," said Casey. "Yes, it is," said Brittany. "I keep trying to remind myself of that." "Ring, ring!" Brittany's phone rang out on the kitchen counter. Brittany smiled as she answered, realizing that it was Eliza. "Eliza, thanks so much for calling me back. We were going through some stuff and found that piece we were missing from the plates you bought from us! I'm happy to meet you somewhere with it so that you don't have to come all the way back here," Brittany said. "Wonderful!" said Eliza. "I have a better idea. I know that everything is probably packed up at your house and you guys could probably use a homecooked meal. Why don't you and Casey and the kids come over for dinner tonight? We can chat about what it's like living overseas and maybe I can get your kids a bit more excited about it." "Oh Eliza, we would love that! Thank you so much for inviting us," Brittany said. Later, as they were getting ready to leave Eliza's house, Brittany hugged her and thanked her for welcoming them during such a stressful time.

## Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did Eliza help Brittany and Casey?
- **Ask**: How do you think Brittany and Casey felt after having dinner at Eliza's? How do you think that helped them when they moved to a new country?
- **Ask**: How do you feel when someone helps you feel welcome? When you are worried or afraid or stressed about something, how does it make you feel when someone is kind to you?
- **Say**: Eliza offered hospitality to Brittany, Casey and their family. Through her hospitality, they were able to have a homecooked meal during a stressful time of moving. This helped them see the love of Christ in action. It also reminded them that hospitality is one way they can show Jesus' love to others no matter where they are. Helping someone feel welcome is a big way we can show Jesus' love. And when others help us feel welcome, they are showing Jesus' love to us.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help Brittany and Casey show your love to others in the Philippines. Help us to be welcoming to others, just as they welcome us. Amen.

## Brittany and Casey

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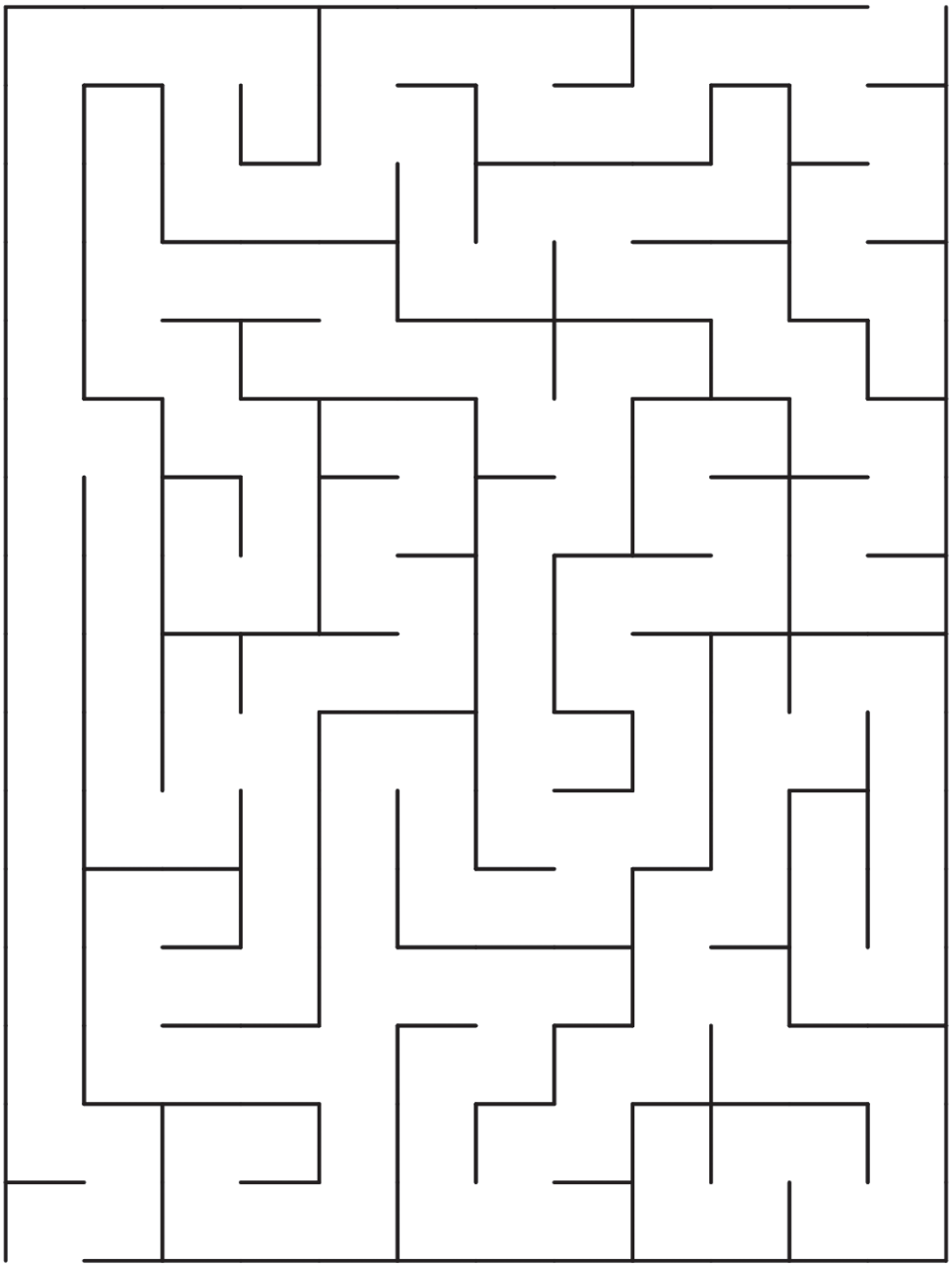
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