Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a North Carolina Treat: Gather Krispy Kreme donuts, plates and napkins. As children are enjoying their snack, talk about how Krispy Kreme was founded in Winston-Salem, NC, where ICSF is located. For children with allergies, consider offering an alternative snack like pimento cheese and (gluten-free) crackers, or Mount Olive Pickles (also from North Carolina).

Older Children

Create a Map: Provide construction paper, pencils and markers or crayons. Encourage children to create a map of your community. Talk about the various things to add to the map (hospitals, schools, a grocery store, etc.), and how maps help us find our way. Talk about how the people at ICSF help immigrants find their way in a new place.

All Ages

Play Hide and Seek: Play several rounds of hide and seek, with a different child counting and being "it" each time. Talk about how hard it can be for people new to the United States to know what they need. Resources can feel hidden for them. The people at ICSF help them fill out paperwork, get IDs and have everything they need.

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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**: "Where do you feel like you belong?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "A Place to Belong."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

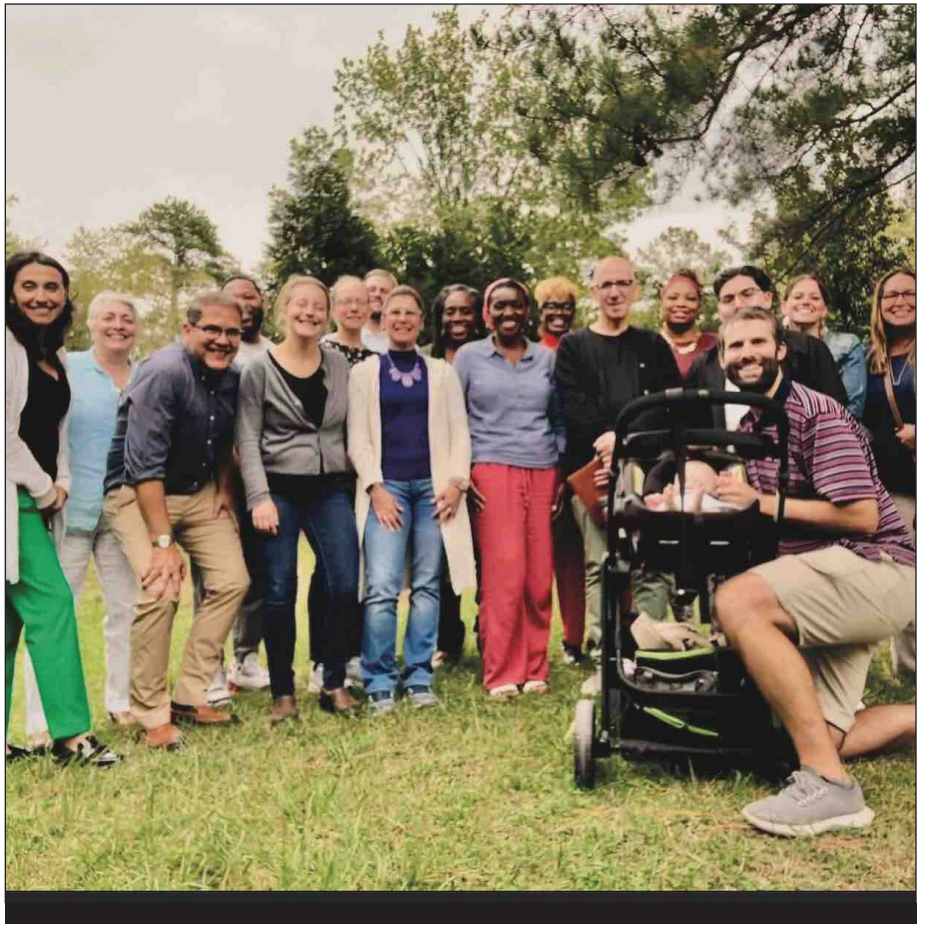
- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

A Place to Belong

"Edgar, we are so glad you are here," Daniel Sostaita said. "Thank you, Daniel," Edgar said. "I am very glad to be here! The Iglesia Cristiana sin Fronteras (ICSF) feels like home. I came here by myself, hoping to work and send money back to my family in Colombia. But it's been hard to be here alone. And then I found ICSF. You guys have welcomed me in, and I even got a steady job through someone here. It has been a hard journey to get here, and I am so glad I found a place to belong. You all walked beside me to make sure I had everything I needed, from a place to live to clothes and food. The mobile clinic has helped me as well. And now, I really want to bring my family here. I hope they can find a place to belong as well," Edgar said. "We would love to help you with that, Edgar," Daniel said. "I have been where you are. And it made such a difference when I found a place to belong and felt God's love around me. I am glad we can be that for you." A few months later, Edgar's family was finally on a plane to North Carolina. Once they arrived, ICSF would jump into action. They would help them get vaccines, food, enroll in school and get whatever healthcare they needed. They would take care of them and help this family thrive in their new home.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did the ICSF help Daniel and his family?
- **Ask**: Why do you think they wanted to help?
- **Ask**: How can we help newcomers to our church, our town, etc. feel like they belong?
- **Say**: The ICSF helped Daniel and his family by making sure they had what they needed and by giving them a place to belong. They shared God's love by helping this family and showing them that they were not alone. We can do the same for new families in our church and our town as well.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help newcomers to our church, our town, our state and our country feel welcome. Please help them find a place to belong. Amen.



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Starting a New Life Board Game

Grab a pair of dice and a friend to play this game and learn more about what life is like for immigrants in North Carolina.

Arrive in the United States. Wait for your documents. Stay here until you roll a 5 or 8.		Find your way to ICSF. Roll again as the people there help you!		Get offered a steady job from someone at ICSF! Roll again.
Your family is here! But they got sent to Chicago. Make phone calls and stay here until you roll a 5.		Work to bring your family to America. Stay here until you roll a 2 or 4.		Serve in different areas of the church that now feels like home.
Your family is finally here! Roll again.		ICSF helps you enroll your kids in school and go to the mobile clinic. Move to the finish!		Finish!