Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Snack: Provide soft tortillas, shredded cheese, microwave, plates, napkins and water. Make quesadillas for the children by sprinkling cheese on tortillas and heating them up. As children eat their snack, talk about LUCHA Ministries Cinco Panes, a feeding program that helps people in need in Fredericksburg, VA. One of the items of food they give out is Maseca, a corn flour that is used to make tortillas.

All Ages

Find the Money: Gather play money and hide the play money around your room. Encourage children to find it. Talk about how LUCHA Ministries helps find money (through donations) for immigrants to help with their needs (food, rent, car payment etc.).

Older Children

Play Charades: Gather index cards and write one charade clue on each card, using this list of charades ideas: www.getcharadesideas.com/resources/charades-ideas-for-kids-of-all-ages-the-ultimate-list-130-ideas/#google_vignette. Divide the group into two teams and encourage one person to pick a card. They'll act it out, while their team tries to guess what it is.

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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 safe?"

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 Others in Hard Times."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Welcoming Others in Hard Times

Dear Mr. Bill,
I am very grateful to you. Thank you for everything. You were there for me during a very hard time. My wife had been deported and sent back to her home country. I had been waiting for a long time for my paperwork to go through. I didn't know how I was going to support my two boys since my employer decided not to pay me for the hours I had worked. Rent was due, and I couldn't pay that or my car payment. I felt like I had nowhere else to turn. And then you came along, Mr. Bill. You and LUCHA Ministries, you saved me. The feeding program helped us have enough to eat, and you helped me get the money I needed to keep us in our home and to pay for our car. You helped me work things out with my employer. You helped us feel safe. My boys tell me all the time that they want to be just like Mr. Bill when they grow up! Thank you for giving us back our hope, and for helping us feel welcome in Fredericksburg. We know that we have friends at LUCHA Ministries. I know that my boys will have a better life than I have had, and that is because of all the services you all provide. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love with us. Thank you for everything. I wish you a thousand blessings.
Sincerely,
Raoul

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did LUCHA Ministries help Raoul and his family?
- **Ask**: How did LUCHA Ministries help them feel welcome?
- **Ask**: Who helps you feel welcome? How can we help immigrants in our community feel welcome?
- **Say**: LUCHA Ministries helped Raoul and his family have enough to eat, be able to make their rent and their car payment, and even spoke to his employer to make sure Raoul was paid what he was owed. They helped them feel safe and welcome in their new adopted hometown.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help LUCHA Ministries have the resources they need to continue to help immigrants. Please help people who are new to the United States get the help they need. Amen.

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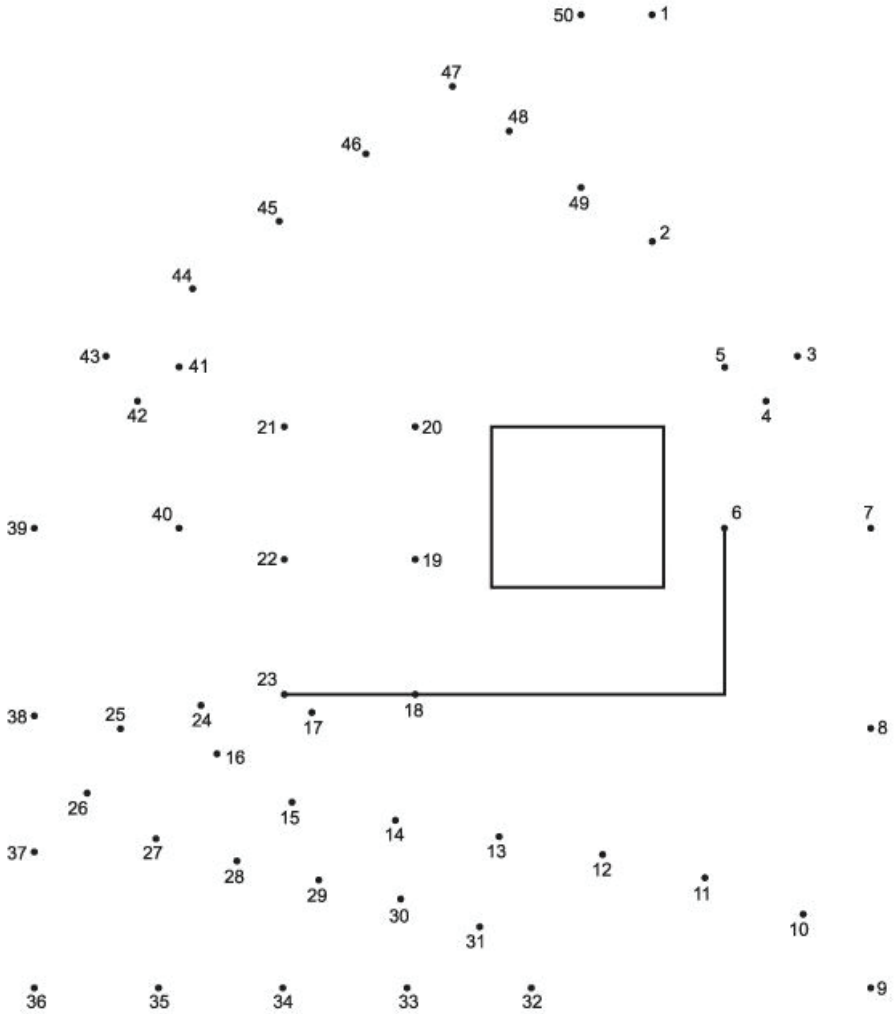
Connect the Dots

LUCHA Ministries helps immigrants through wrap-around services. These services help immigrants connect the pieces of their lives so they have everything they need. Once you have found the picture, color it in.