Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Sweet Treat: Provide doughnuts, plates, napkins and water. Give each child a doughnut. As they are eating, talk about Mandazi, a type of sweet, fried dough (similar to a doughnut) that is a popular breakfast or snack food in Kampala.

Older Children

Practice Breath Prayers: Tell children that one way we can feel God's peace is through praying. When we practice breath prayers, they help us feel calm and remind us that God is with us. Encourage children to sit comfortably and close their eyes. When they inhale, tell them to say, "My soul finds rest..." and exhale, saying "in God alone." Encourage children to do this a few times. Ask them to open their eyes and talk about this experience. Tell children that these words are from Psalm 62:1.

All Ages

Play Soccer: Provide a soccer ball. Soccer is a very popular game in Uganda and around the world. Refugees at Peace Camp probably play soccer while at camp. Play a traditional game of soccer with two teams and two goals, or if playing indoors, consider using a plush ball and two chairs as the goal so that children can practice their kicking skills.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

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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 peaceful?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Offering Hope through Peace."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Offering Hope through Peace

"Majok, I am so glad you were able to join us for Peace Camp this year," Shelah Acker said to one of the teenagers from the Center for Hope. "Me, too," Majok said. "It is so nice and peaceful here. Kampala is a great place to live but it is just so loud. There are people everywhere and so many horns that honk all the time. I never knew there were places like this that are so quiet," Majok said. "That's part of why we call it Peace Camp," said Shelah. "Because it's so peaceful!" They both laughed and then Majok said, "I am thankful for this camp. I feel like I can connect with Jesus out here. I have learned so much about the Bible this week, and I feel like I can hope again. Our situation is still hard. We still live far away from our home and the rest of our family. But Jesus is with us. I have felt very alone, and I miss my home. But now I know that I'm not alone, that God is with me. These have been some of the best days of my life. I cannot wait for next year's Peace Camp!" "Majok, I am glad to hear that you have found hope in Jesus. God is always there for you. Even when things are really hard, God promises to never leave. And when the God who created the universe is with you, you can make it through anything! I know your family has been through some difficult things. But God is with you. And no matter what happens, you can hold on to the hope of God that we find in Jesus. And the peace that you have found here doesn't have to stay here. I know Kampala is a very loud. And it is harder to find peace there. But the good news is that God gives us peace. It may not be a quietness, but God can help you have peace when you feel anxious and afraid. That peace is always available, wherever you are," Shelah said.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did Peace Camp help Majok?
- **Ask**: How does God's peace help us?
- **Ask**: When have you felt God's peace?
- **Say**: Peace Camp helped Majok find a peaceful place where he could have fun and learn more about the Bible and connect with Jesus. It is much easier to connect with God when we are out in nature, away from all the noises around us. But Peace Camp also helped Majok learn about the hope that Jesus gives us. He learned that through everything, God would always be there. God wants to help us and give us God's perfect peace. All we have to do is ask. When we are worried, anxious or afraid, we can give those worries and fears to God. And God promises to give us God's perfect peace. The things that are happening may not change, but we can feel better knowing that God is with us.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for the hope that you give us. Help us to feel your peace as well. Amen.

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Play Omweso

Items needed: seeds (64 in total)

Directions: Find a partner and put two seeds on each dot. The two rows of dots that are closest to you are yours, and the two rows closest to your partner are theirs. Each player starts by grabbing the first two seeds and distributing them to the next sets of dots, going counterclockwise, dropping one seed per dot. If they land where their opponent has seeds in both dots of their rows, then they can capture those seeds. This continues until one player has all the seeds.

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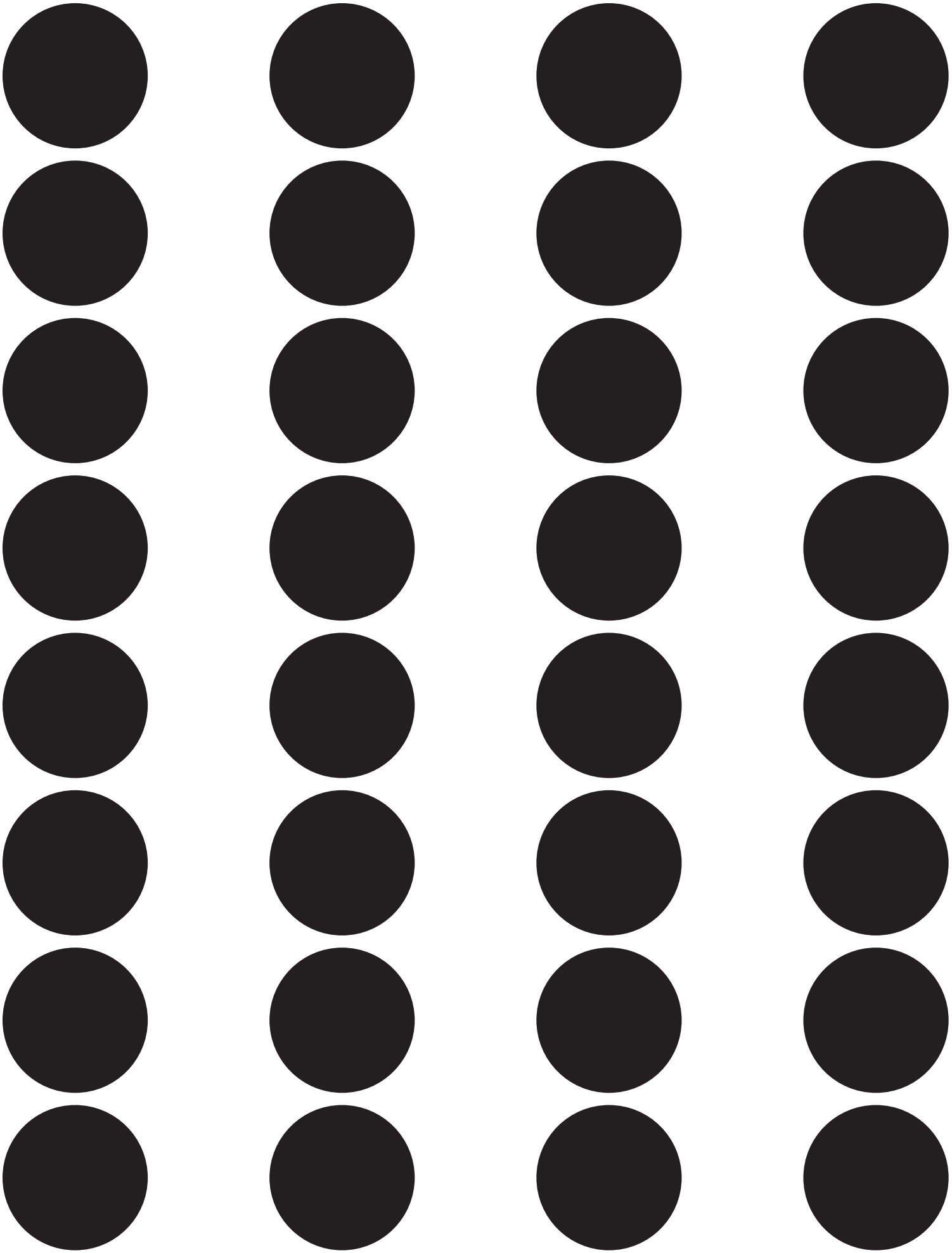
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