Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Venezuelan Snack: Provide queso, tortilla chips, napkins, plates and water. Give each child a plate with tortilla chips and queso. As they are eating, talk about how queso blanco (white cheese) is super popular in Venezuela, and how the name of the cheese can tell you where it comes from. Each regional cheese has its own special flavors and textures.

All Ages

Go on a Nature Walk: Gather zipper-top bags and magnifying glasses (optional). Go on a nature walk with children. Encourage them to collect interesting things in their plastic bags. Ask them to point out things that they notice. Talk about how Yosenderi and her family came from Venezuela and had to cross the jungle to get to the United States. Talk about some of the difficulties in the jungle, like snakes and big vines and trees.

Older Children

Sort the Clothes Relay: Gather two sets of various items of clothing (pants, shirts, socks, hats, shoes, belts), two bins and two chairs. Put one set of clothing in each bin. Place the bins on one side of the room and the chairs on the other. Divide the class into two teams. Tell each team that you will call out an item of clothing. The person at the front of the line will run to their bin, find that item of clothing, and then take it to the chair and set it out. They'll then run back and tag the next person. Call out another item of clothing, continuing the game until one team finishes. Talk about how Yosenderi helps arrange and sort clothes at Golan House, a respite center where immigrants can rest and get items they need, such as food and clothing.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Acts 2:1–6

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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**: "How do you share God's love?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Translating the Love of God through Service."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Translating the Love of God through Service

"Good morning, Yosenderi," said Elket Rodriguez, CBF field personnel and Global Migration Advocate for CBF Global Missions. "It is good to see you. How are things at Golan House?" Elket asked. "Good morning, Elket," said Yosenderi. "Things are going well! It has been a busy time. So many immigrants have come through. They are tired and hungry. Many have been through some really hard things. They look a lot like my family when we first came. I am so thankful for the volunteers and others who helped us have what we needed and helped us get back on our feet. And I am so glad I can do the same now. I can share God's love in the same ways that it has been shared with me. And I can help others know that there is hope and that things will get better. Thank you so much for this opportunity, Elket," Yosenderi said.
"You are very welcome, Yosenderi," Elket said. "I found a job for you, but you have really made it your own. We have immigrants coming from many different places. You may not always speak their language, but you are doing a great job of sharing God's love with them by serving them. Every time you help someone have food to eat and clothes to wear, you are showing them the hope of God and God's great love for us. Thank you for wanting to serve other immigrants and share with them the Kingdom of God," Elket said.

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How does Yosenderi help others?
- **Ask**: How is Yosenderi sharing God's love with others?
- **Ask**: In what ways can we share God's love through serving? What are some ways that our church helps others?
- **Say**: Yosenderi helps immigrants have what they need. She arranges clothes for immigrants and helps distribute food to them. When she first came to the United States, she received this help herself. And now she helps other immigrants have what they need. She shares God's love and hope by serving others.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for people like Elket Rodriguez and Yosenderi, who help make sure immigrants are welcomed in and have what they need. Help us find ways to share your love by serving others as well. Amen.

Elket Rodriguez

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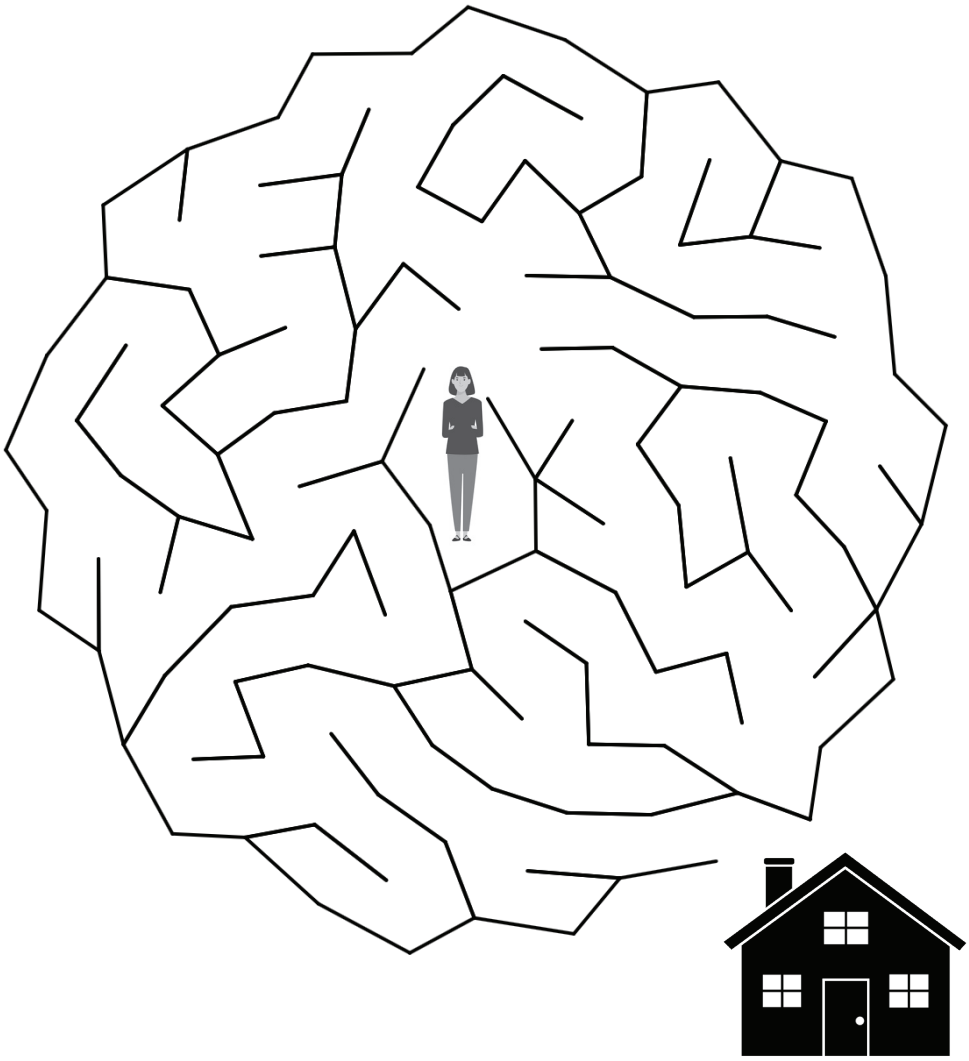
Help Yosenderi get to Golan House in the United States.