Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Spanish Treat: Provide churros, chocolate dipping sauce, spoon, napkins, plates and water. Give each child a churro and some dipping sauce. As children are eating, talk about how Spanish churros are a bit different from Mexican churros. Spanish churros don't have cinnamon sugar on top and are crunchier. They are also served with warm chocolate dipping sauce.

All Ages

Run an Obstacle Course: Gather obstacles like chairs, jump ropes, cones etc. Put together an obstacle course and encourage children to run it. For older children, time them to see how quickly they can go. The fastest time wins. Talk about how some obstacles in our lives can seem way too big for us to handle. That's when we need others, and sometimes we need a miracle. Olivia received the help that she needed and was able to create a new life thanks to the help of others and the Lord.

Older Children

Learn Catalan: Gather a video device and access the following video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwiSONoVUGA&list=PLWOZNDuF4oega8OveIJhMVMAwrOB-7F0cx&index=3. Show the video and help children practice greetings in Catalan. Talk about why it was important for Olivia to learn how to speak Catalan.

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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**: "Who do you go to when you need help?"

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 into Help."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Translating the Love of God into Help

"Good morning, Eli," Michelle Norman said as she walked into Mamáventura. "How was your trip to see Olivia?" "Good morning, Michelle," Eli, the director of Mamáventura said. "It was a great trip! You would be amazed to see all the changes in her life. She speaks Spanish and Catalan now! She's on her way to having a job and independence. Her life has changed so much since she and her little one moved," Eli said. "Wow," said Michelle. "That's wonderful news! When she first came to Mamáventura, her life was so difficult."

She couldn't work because she didn't have the legal paperwork to do so. And she was NOT interested in learning Spanish or Catalan. She was just surviving. I will never forget that day when she called to tell us she and her son were being evicted. She was so upset that they would be out on the street. It seemed like there was nothing we could do to help. But then, out of nowhere, we found that apartment. And amazingly enough, her public assistance covered it! The social worker said it was a miracle. And we knew that help had come from God. And now, just a short time later, it is amazing to hear that she is learning our language and on her way to finding work so that she can support her son. I am so glad she didn't give up, and we were able to remind her of the hope we have in God."

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How did Mamáventura help Olivia?
- **Ask**: How did Mamáventura's help change Olivia and give her hope?
- **Ask**: How can our church help others in our community and share God's love?
- **Say**: Mamáventura helped Olivia find a place to live and gave her hope that God was with her. They helped her realize that she could have a good life, and that others cared about her. They encouraged her and helped her when things were really hard. We can do that for others in our own community as well.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you that our help comes from you. Help us to trust you and to know you are always with us. Help Matt and Michelle Norman as they remind people in Spain that they, too, can have hope. Amen.

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Create a Home

Think about what you need in your home. Draw a home with some of those things inside of it below. Share your creation with the rest of the class!