Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a Southeast Asian Snack: Items needed: Pita bread, plates, napkins and water Give each child a piece of pita. Talk about how roti canai is popular in Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. It is a pan-fried flatbread that looks similar to pita bread. It can be served with curries, stuffed with fillings and shaped like a rectangle (or burrito), and served with toppings.

All Ages

Have a Celebration: Items needed: Streamers, balloons, noisemakers, party games and party hats. Set up games around your room and decorate for a party. (Or if your class is older, encourage them to help decorate.) Blow noisemakers, play games and enjoy the celebration. Talk about how we can celebrate the hope we have in God.

All Ages

Play a Word Game: Items needed: White board and dry erase marker. Draw blanks for each letter in the first part of the Bible verse. (My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and you will understand the hope given to you when God chose you. Ephesians 1:18a). Encourage children to guess letters, filling in the blanks and creating a snowman for letters that are wrong. (Bottom snowball, middle snowball, head, arms, hat, eyes, nose, smile). Encourage children to read the verse out loud when the blanks are filled.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Ephesians 1:18

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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 remember the hope we have in God?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Seeing God's Hope."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Seeing God's Hope

Hi, Esau. Greetings from Waco, Texas! So far, Brooke and I are getting settled in, eating lots of BBQ, and unpacking a lot of boxes. I wanted to check in and see how things are going over there in Indonesia. We are so grateful that you have stepped up to help oversee things, especially the solar light projects. You are doing such a great job, and we are so glad that you chose to join our team!

You may not know this, but we saw the gifts that God had given you a few years before we asked you to join our team. You are quick to listen, and quick to offer help when you see a need. Your desire to learn new things and step out of your comfort zone has been an inspiration to us. And during the difficult days of the pandemic, your faithfulness and helpfulness helped us see God's impact and God's hope. You reminded us that God was still at work and still busy raising up leaders in the next generation. We know that the future is bright in Indonesia because people like you are there. You have so many gifts and talents, and we are thankful you decided to use them for God! You help us and others see God's hope for the future. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. We'll see you in just a few weeks when we bring a group of college students over!

Mike

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How is Esau helping with the work in Indonesia?
- **Ask**: How has Esau been an encouragement to Brooke and Mike? How did he help them see God's hope.
- **Ask**: How can you be an encouragement for others? How can you help others see God's hope?
- **Say**: Esau is part of the team that is continuing to serve communities in Indonesia through training pastors and volunteers, helping children learn to read, teaching college students about God's love, and installing solar lights in churches and communities to give communities a gathering place as well as the ability to study, do homework, create and more, even after the sun has gone down. Esau's desire to help and work for the Lord showed Mike that there is hope for the future and that God is busy working.
- **Pray**: Dear God, give us eyes to see you at work in our lives and our communities. Help us to share your great love with others. Amen.

Mike

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Create a Lantern

Items needed: Clear plastic bottles with wide mouths (like a mayonnaise bottle or frosting tub); various colors of tissue paper, Mod Podge, paintbrushes, paper plates, battery operated tea candles, scissors

1. Give each child a plastic bottle and a pair of scissors.
2. Encourage children to cut their tissue paper into various geometric shapes (circles, squares, triangles, etc.).
3. Give each child a paper plate with some Mod Podge and a paintbrush.
4. Using the paintbrush, brush a section of the bottle with mod podge, then glue some shapes on. Create a pattern or make the design abstract. It's up to you.
5. Continue to brush different sections of the bottle with Mod Podge, working on one section at a time. Place your tissue paper shapes while the mod podge is still wet.
6. Allow your lantern to dry before you try to use it.
7. Once the lantern is dry, turn on your candle and place the lantern over it. It should shine brightly!
8. Talk about how Esau was a big encouragement to Mike and how he reminded him of God's impact even in difficult times. Esau was a light shining in the darkness, spreading God's love.

Example pictures https://thecrafttrain.com/tissue-paper-lanterns