## Bonus Activities

### All Ages

**Enjoy a Haitian fruit:** Items needed: Mango, orange, pineapple or guava, plates, napkins and water. Choose which fruit you will serve and prepare it (slice it, peel it, etc.). As children are eating their snack, talk about how it is a popular fruit in Haiti. Talk about how Misión Peniel collects and shares nutritious foods like fruits that are popular with the Haitian, Guatemalan and Mexican residents of Immokalee.

**Pack Grocery Bags:** Items needed: Bags of rice, bags of dried beans, canned goods, reusable grocery bags, loaves of bread, construction paper and crayons/markers. Create an assembly line for children to go down the row and pack grocery bags. Once their grocery bags are packed, encourage children to write a note of encouragement and place it in their grocery bag. Give these bags to a local food pantry to hand out.

**Find the Produce:** Items needed: Play fruits and vegetables (or pictures of fruits and vegetables). Hide the fruits and vegetables around your room. Encourage children to search for them. After they have found them, talk about how Cultivate Abundance gathers fruits and vegetables that people grow in order to give them to those in need.


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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**: "Where do you see Jesus at work?"

### Engage

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

### Share

- Tell the Story, "A New Way of Doing Church."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

### Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

# A New Way of Doing Church

What does your church look like? Does it have a steeple? Does it have stained glass windows? Does it meet in a movie theater? Many of you may go to a church that has a steeple and pews. Many may go to a church that has chairs and looks more like an auditorium. When we think about church, a lot of times we think about our church buildings. But let me tell you about my church in Immokalee, Florida. My church doors are open every Friday from early afternoon until 6:30 p.m. After volunteers bag hundreds of sets of groceries and take time for prayer and reflection, we begin serving our neighbors around 3:30 p.m. We usually have about 400 people who come. Each week, we offer these neighbors two or three bags of groceries. Those groceries include rice and beans and canned goods, as well as locally grown fruits and vegetables and donated bread. We don't dress up at my church. In fact, many people come in worn-out work shoes and torn clothing that is covered with the green stain of tomato vines. My church is not a typical church. Misión Peniel is a farmworker ministry. It is a place where we show Jesus' love by caring for those who don't have enough. I hope that you and your church are finding ways to share Jesus' love and care for others too. It's the best way I know to be the church.

Sincerely,
Rick Burnette

## Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What do Misión Peniel and Cultivate Abundance do?
- **Ask**: How is Misión Peniel like a church.
- **Ask**: How does our church help people in our community?
- **Say**: Misión Peniel and Cultivate Abundance are farmworker ministries that partner to help people have enough to eat while addressing various other needs as well. Volunteers and staff work to collect groceries from gardeners, food banks and other donations so that they can care for about 400 people each week. Through this ministry, they are able to show Jesus' love and care and help farmworkers have enough to eat. They are serving Jesus by caring for the poor. While it may not seem like a traditional church, Misión Peniel and Cultivate Abundance do what God has called the church to do: to share God's great love and to help others.
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help Misión Peniel and Cultivate Abundance have the supplies they need to care for farmworkers in Immokalee. Please help the farmworkers know how very much you love them. Help us to share your great love with others. Amen.

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## Misión Peniel Word Search

Find and circle the words in the list, and learn more about how Mision Peniel helps farmworkers and the poor.

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### Word Bank

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| RICE | GROCERIES | LANGUAGES |
| FARMWORKER | BREAD | CHURCH |
| NUTRITION | BEANS | |
| PRODUCE | TOMATOES | |