Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy Baked Goods: Items needed: pastries or other baked goods that might be served in a coffee shop, plates, napkins, water. Give children their snack and talk about what a coffee shop is. Tell children that Alicia Lee has her office time in coffee shops around Skopje. She does work for their ministries while sitting at coffee shops. This may mean that she writes cards, works on paperwork and more. She also listens to people who are alone in coffee shops and want to chat with someone else. Ask children to think about and share about the places where they make friends (school, perhaps on a sports field, etc).

Play Telephone: Encourage children to sit in a circle. Then, whisper part of the Bible verse to one child. ("The king will answer, 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.'") Encourage them to whisper it to a person beside them. Then that person will whisper it to the next person, until it gets to the other person sitting next to you. Encourage them to say it aloud. Do a few more rounds, with various parts of the Bible verse or with the children brainstorming something to say. Talk about how important it is to listen to others and how listening helps others know that they are important.

Coffee Shop Obstacle Course: Gather items like chairs, cones and other things that can be used as obstacles. Print signs that say things like, "Hot coffee!" Create an obstacle course in your room to resemble a coffee shop with chairs to represent where customers would sit and with cones/tables to represent the counter. Encourage students to be part of the obstacle course by sitting in the chairs. For older children, have them carry a cup of water through the obstacle course without spilling it, pretending it is hot coffee.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Matthew 25:37-40

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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 listens to you and helps you feel important?"

Engage

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

Share

- Tell the Story, "Listening to Others."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Listening to Others

Alicia Lee looked up from her table in the coffee shop as she heard her name being called. “Hello, Viktor,” Alicia said, as she stood up and gave him a hug. “It is so good to see you. It’s been a few weeks since I’ve seen you here,” Alicia said.

Viktor sat down with Alicia and said, “You are the only person in this coffee shop who would ever say, “it’s good to see you!” Most people ignore me because they don’t want to be bothered with the things I come here to sell. It might feel annoying to them, but the money I earn helps my family. But you never ignore me, Alicia, and for that, I am very thankful. That’s why I wanted to come today. I knew you would be here and I wanted to ask you to pray for me,” Viktor said.

“Of course, Viktor,” said Alicia. “I am always happy to pray for you. How can I pray for you today?” Alicia asked.

“I had surgery a few weeks ago. I’m doing much better, but would you pray that my health will continue to improve? I am finally feeling good, and I want that to continue,” Viktor said.

“I will absolutely pray for that, Viktor,” Alicia said. “I’m glad your surgery is helping!”

“Thank you, Alicia. I am so glad that you are my friend. I’m not very popular around here, but I can always count on you to listen to me and be kind. Thank you,” Viktor said, getting up from the table. After Viktor left, Alicia prayed, asking God to help him stay well and to help his family have what they needed.

Discussion and Prayer *

- **Ask**: How did Alicia Lee help Viktor?
- **Ask**: Why do people ignore Viktor? Why do you think Alicia doesn’t?
- **Ask**: How can we help others who are ignored?
- **Say**: Viktor sells things at coffee shops and restaurants. Many people don’t want to be bothered by someone when they are eating. But Alicia saw that Viktor needed a friend. So instead of ignoring him, she talked to him. And now they have a friendship. Sometimes she buys things to use in her ministry, knowing that it will also help him. But she also helps him just by listening to him and being his friend. She shows him God’s love by listening.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for people like Alicia Lee who listen to people, even when others ignore them. Help us to be open to listening to others too. Amen.

Alicia and Jeff Lee

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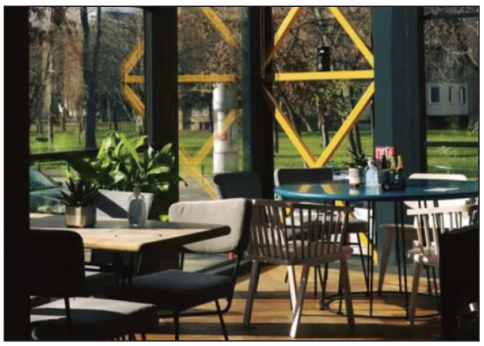

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Coloring Page

Skopje is surrounded by mountains! Imagine you are standing in Skopje and seeing the mountains. Color this page how you imagine those mountains look.