

October Extra Activities

For Threes and Fours

Medical Tools

Supplies: toy doctor's kit, plastic tub, cotton balls

In advance, place doctor's kit items in the tub and cover them with cotton balls.

Invite preschoolers to locate medical items. As they retrieve an item, ask them to share what the item is used for in a doctor's office. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs help Ukrainian people with their medical needs.

Play Dough Cookies

Supplies: play dough, cookie cutters, small rolling pins, waxed paper, cookie sheet, small spatula

Post the allergy alert chart. Let preschoolers roll play dough out on waxed paper and use cookie cutters to make pretend cookies. Guide them to use the spatula to scoop up the cookies onto the cookie sheet and pretend to bake them. Say: Mrs. Gibbs makes snacks when she invites Ukrainian women to her home to read the Bible.

Special Guest

Supplies: Russian-speaking guest

In advance, invite a Russian-speaking guest from your church or community to teach preschoolers a few basic words in Russian. If possible, ask the guest to teach "Jesus Loves Me" in Russian.

Welcome the guest. Participate with preschoolers as they learn some Russian words. Say: The Gibbs family learned to speak Russian so they could communicate with Ukrainian people.

Caution: Follow church security guidelines regarding classroom guests.

Let's Build

Supplies: toy construction hats (one per child), toy construction tools, tool belts, toy construction vehicles, wooden blocks

Guide preschoolers to dress like construction workers and pretend to build houses for Ukrainians. Encourage them to work together as they build. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs help refugees find places to live.

Open the Bible and read: Help one another (see Gal. 5:13).

For Kindergarten

Guest Beekeeper

Supplies: guest beekeeper

In advance, invite a beekeeper to visit and talk about their business. Ask them to bring beekeeping equipment to show to preschoolers.

Welcome the beekeeper. Sit with preschoolers as they listen and engage with the beekeeper. Help them ask questions about beekeeping. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs help men start beekeeping businesses. They tell people they help about Jesus.

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Prayerwalk

Supplies: index cards, stickers, colored pencils, blank labels

In advance, print "We prayed for you!" on labels.

Encourage preschoolers to adhere a pre-printed label onto an index card and decorate it with stickers and colored pencils. Guide them to walk to church classrooms and offices and pray for the people. After praying, let them leave a card behind. At the end of the prayerwalk, pray together for the Gibbs family who tell Ukrainians about Jesus.

Open the Bible and read: Pray for one another (see James 5:16).

Lottie Moon

Supplies: Check libraries for: *The Lottie and Annie Upside-Down Book*, Vogel

Read the Lottie side of *The Lottie and Annie Upside-Down Book*. Discuss Lottie Moon and how the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is used. Say: The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps special workers like the Gibbs family live in other countries and tell people about Jesus.

Cold Weather Dress-Up

Supplies: cold weather dress-up clothing, toy foods, toy cooking items

Invite preschoolers to dress up for cold weather and cook food for their families. Discuss items refugees might need as the weather gets colder. Say: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs help refugees get things they need, like warm clothes, food, shelter, and jobs.