

# Refugee Sunday: Welcome the Stranger

Syrian refugees wait hidden behind a cliff. They have left their homes and belongings because of the fighting in their country. A soldier from Jordan will tell them when they can continue into Jordan.

Photo: UNRWA



Over 1 million refugees now live in Lebanon—many in tents like these children.

Photo: UNHCR

These young boys play and keep warm outside. Many cannot go to school. Others live in cramped conditions and cannot go to the doctor if they are sick.

Photo: UNHCR



Refugee Children enjoy the Children's Forums run by Christian World Service partner, DSPR. They make new friends and learn many things.



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## Who is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who leaves their home and country because they are scared of war or that they will be hurt. Name some countries from which people have fled?



## Act the refugee story

You might like to have a pile of children's belongings: clothes, toys, books and another pile of emergency food, a tent etc. Talk a little about who is a refugee and ask one child to play that role. Then ask another to be the welcoming friend. Act the story out: Give the child 1 minute to grab what they can, then take them on a long journey to meet the person playing the welcomer.

Write down the questions you would ask the stranger on another page.

## Find out from a friend

Interview someone from another country:

What did you leave behind?

What do you miss about your old home?

What did you bring to your new home?

What do like about it?

## Welcome the Stranger

In Matthew 25 Jesus tells us that in welcoming the stranger, we are welcoming him. Draw a picture showing Jesus welcoming a refugee above.

## Build a Refugee Prayer Wall

Every refugee needs a new home. Cut out enough large bricks to make the shape of a house, and then ask others to help you build a house with prayer. Draft your own prayer here:

## How can you raise money

Draw a new home for a refugee using a coin trail.

Make special food to sell or hold a sausage sizzle.

Have a children's forum and make things to sell.



St Andrew's children had a sausage sizzle for Syrians in Blenheim.