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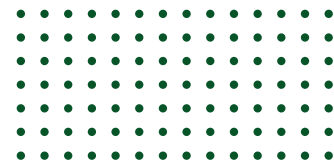
DEUTERONOMY 10:18



This booklet contains collection resources to help the Children and Youth to understand forcible displacements

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INTRODUCTION

World Refugee Sunday (WRS) is an incredible opportunity for churches worldwide to show support and solidarity with the forcibly displaced men, women, and children.

World Refugee Sunday is promoted by the Refugee Highway Partnership (RHP) and will be on Sundays, June 19 & 26 (whichever works best for your local church). This booklet will provide you with ideas on how to teach about forced displacement and Christian concerns to your Sunday School, School, and Youth groups.

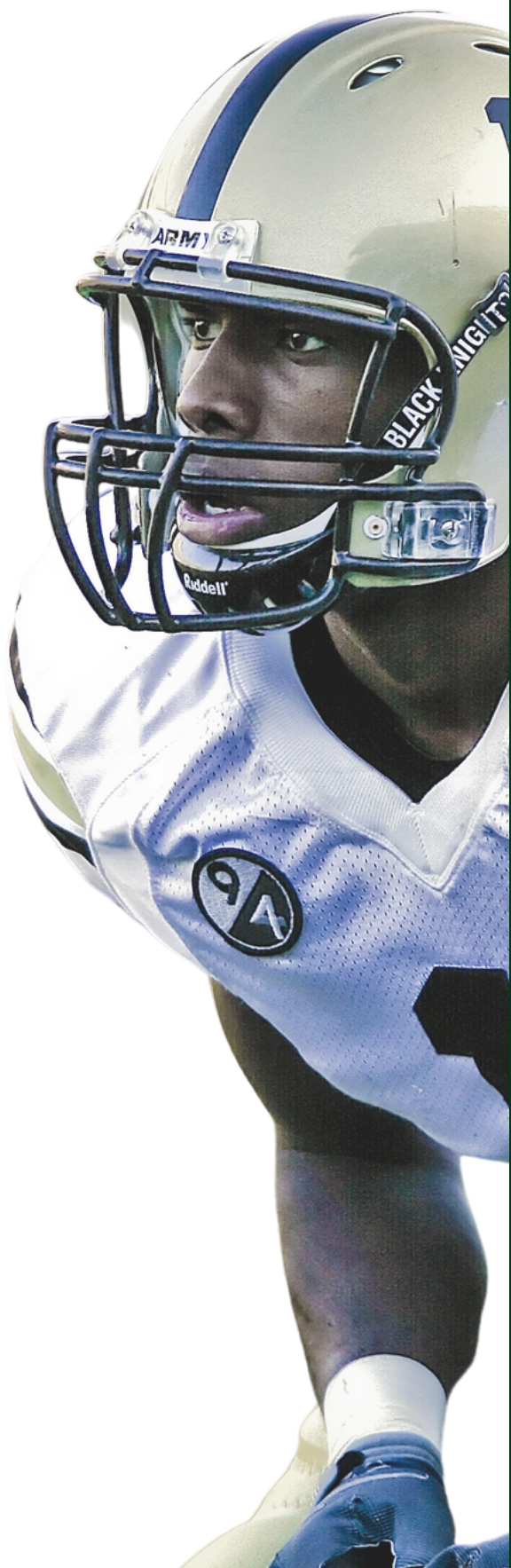
Most of the World Refugee Sunday materials can be downloaded in PDF format directly from <https://philioiglobal.org/wrs2022/> and printed if needed.

On both of these days, churches will unite around the world in prayer in an effort to remember the millions of forcibly displaced. The RHP is a community of Christians from around the globe who share a commitment to welcoming and serving refugees; and a desire to see the church more actively involved in serving the forcibly displaced people.

These displaced men, women, and children seek a safe place to end their journey and begin new lives in freedom and safety. Over the last 20+ plus years, the World Refugee Sunday has served as a platform to highlight the stories of forcibly displaced people and mobilise the global Church to respond to their plight – as well as being a source of solidarity and encouragement to forcibly displaced people.

Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced People and migrants are complex topics for young people, but they can be easily understood if we help them to define the nature of displacement.

The theme of World Refugee Sunday 2022 is found in the book of Deuteronomy 10:18 *The Lord defends the rights of orphans and widows. He cares for foreigners and gives them food and clothing (CEV)*. The Lord is the great Defender of those who are marginalised, he gives the foreigners food and clothing. As a global church, it is time to uphold the cause of those who are impoverished and oppressed, and those who are forcibly displaced.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

Q Who is a refugee?

Q Who is an internally displaced person?

A An internally displaced person, or IDP, is someone who has been forced to flee their home but never cross an international border.

A A stateless person is someone who is not a citizen of any country due to a variety of reasons, including sovereign, legal, technical or administrative decisions or oversights.

Q Who is a stateless person?

Q What is the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees?

1951 Refugee Convention, is a United Nations multilateral treaty that defines who is a refugee, and sets out the rights of individuals who are granted asylum and the responsibilities of nations that grant asylum.

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If you have any questions please feel free to email us on info@philoiglobal.org

REFUGEE SUNDAY

Sunday school Lesson Plan for Teachers

Theme: Defender



BIBLE VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 10:18-19

Story: Moses and the Exodus

"A long time ago, God's people were living in a country called Egypt. They were in slavery and they were not treated nicely. One day, God told a man named Moses to go to Egypt and to take God's people out of the country into safety. Moses obeyed God and went to the Pharaoh or King of Egypt. He told Pharaoh to 'let my people go'. Pharaoh was not happy with Moses because God was causing different problems in the land; like too many frogs and a river that turned into blood. So Pharaoh told Moses to take the people and go.

All of God's people left Egypt but as they were leaving the Egyptian army came. God helped Moses by parting the sea so all the people could get to the other side. Once they were safe on the other side, God made the waves fall and the angry army was swept away in the water. Once they were in on the other side, they were wandering in the desert land with nowhere to go. All of the people were hungry and thirst. Moses prayed to God to provide for them. God answered their prayers by providing a food called manna each morning. God also instructed Moses to break a rock and when Moses did water came streaming out for all the people to drink.

After a long time in the desert, God led the people to the promised land where they created new homes and lived safely in the new town." In this story many people had to flee their homes and towns because it was too dangerous to live there anymore. God helped them through the leader named Moses and God provided for them along the way. This still happens today. People who have to leave their homes and countries because of danger are called refugees. There are 102 million people in the world who had to leave their homes and now don't have anywhere to go. But the bible teaches us that it was important to God to take care of the refugees so it should also be important to us to take care of them.

*"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the refugee residing among you, giving them food and clothing.
And you are to love those who are foreigners".*

Memory Verse Deuteronomy 10:18-19

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QUESTIONS

IN THIS STORY, HOW DID GOD HELP THE REFUGEES?

Potential Answers:

- God told Moses to be their leader. God helped Moses to talk to the Pharaoh that wasn't being nice and got Pharaoh to let the people go.
- God kept them safe as they were fleeing the country. He parted the Red Sea and then let the waves back down to wash away the army that was coming to harm them.
- God provided food and water to the refugees while they were in the desert.
- God helped Moses lead them to a new country that was safe for them to have a new home and life.

CAN YOU THINK OF WAYS TO HELP REFUGEES JUST LIKE HOW GOD HELPED REFUGEES LEAVING EGYPT?

Potential Answers:

- Helping refugees feel welcomed when they come to their new home
- Being loving when refugees come to your community
- Giving money to people helping refugees
- Help give them food and water
- Help refugees find a new home
- Pray

TAKE AWAY MESSAGE

God cares very deeply for the needs of those who are refugees. God defends those who have had to leave their home because of danger. In the Bible verse, God asks us to also help defend refugees.

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God Defends the Refugees!

Four ways God protected the refugees from Egypt was:

God provided food and water in the desert by:

God asked a man to be save the refugees from slavery in Egypt. The man was the leader for the refugees. His name was:

God led the refugees in the story to:

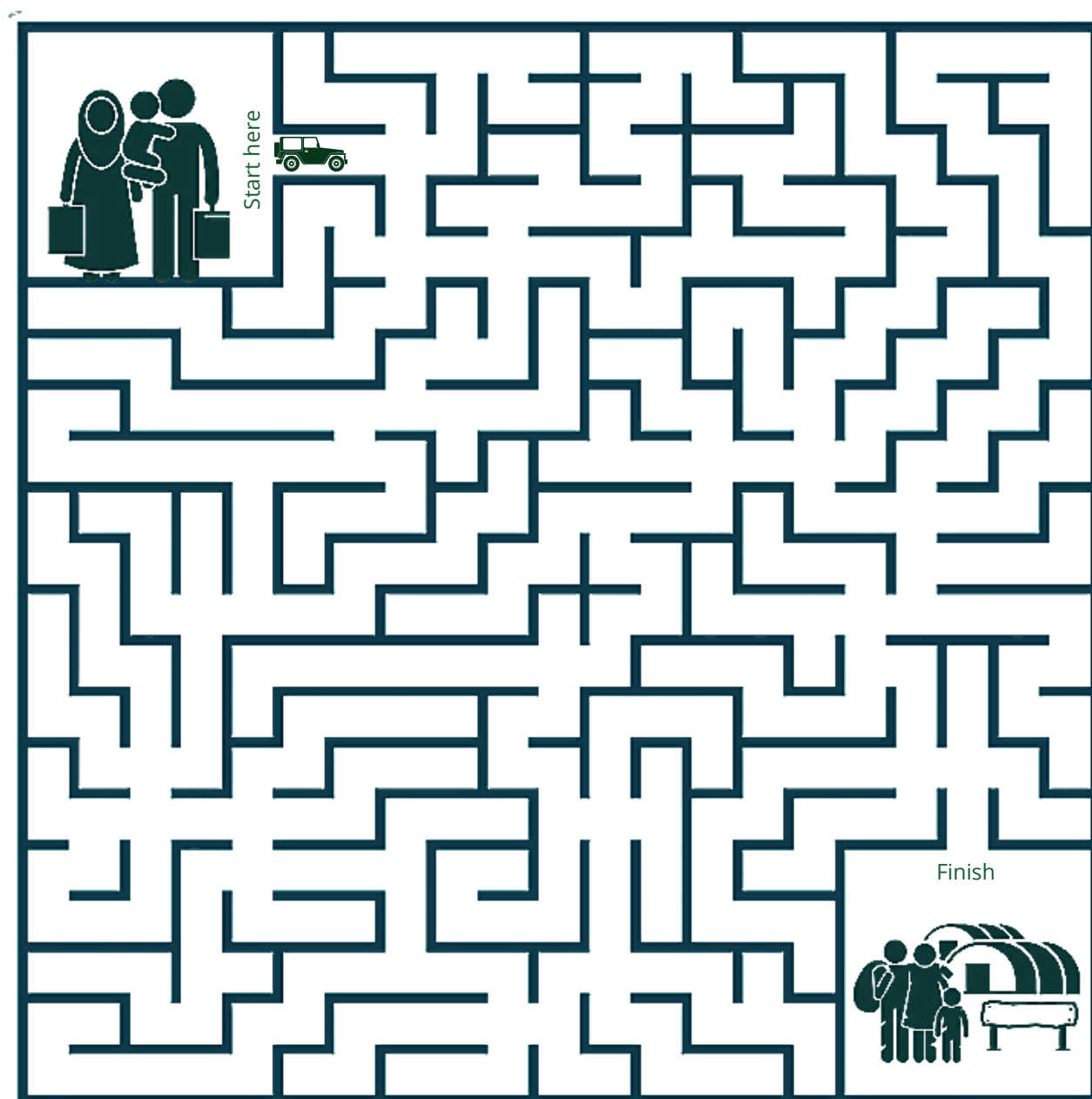
I can help God defend refugees by:

God I pray:

FINDING HOME

"FOR HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS IN REGARD TO YOU,
TO PROTECT AND DEFEND AND GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS."

PSALMS 91:11



DEFENDER FIND-A-WORD



W	E	L	C	O	M	E	L	N	U	M
W	D	R	O	T	C	E	T	O	R	P
I	E	N	E	M	Y	A	R	P	C	R
N	E	E	G	U	F	E	R	E	Y	E
L	E	A	D	E	R	H	G	R	T	D
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A	O	E	E	R	G	E	T	A	A	R
H	S	H	A	M	R	O	S	W	M	O

PROTECTOR	MANNA	RED SEA	PROVIDER
HOME	PRAY	WATER	MOSES
LEADER	WELCOME	ENEMY	REFUGEE

DEFENDER SHIELD CRAFT

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Hole Punch
- Ribbon for the handle
- White paper plates
- Markers/ Colouring Pencils
- Stickers/ Jewels/ Decorations
- Glue if using Decorations

STEP 1

Have each child decorate their paper shield on the bottom of the white plate. They can draw and colour or add decorations.



STEP 2

Encourage child to write the Bible Verse (Deuteronomy 10:18) or add a saying like "God is my Defender" onto their shield to remind them of the Bible lesson

STEP 3

Hole punch two holes in the sides of the plate. If looking at the plate like a clock it would be at '9 and 3'.



STEP 4

Attach the ribbon through the holes. This should be through the opposite side that the child decorate. Tie the ribbons in a knot so it does not slip through the hole. This is used as the handle for the child to hold the shield.

A PRAYER FOR REFUGEE SUNDAY

Dear Father,

Thank you that you love all of your children and
that we are made in your image.
We thank you that you are our great
DEFENDER.

Thank you that we can have this time to reflect
on ways that we can help those who have been
FORCED TO FLEE to flee from their homes or
are experiencing war.

We pray for those who are without so many
things - homes, families, clothing and food.
We pray that you would **DEFEND** them and
provide for them what they **NEED.**

You **CARE** for them greatly and you **LOVE** them
so much.

In Jesus' name,
Amen



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