

CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

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"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

- HEBREWS 13:16

How many of you have played "Anka Anka Grå Anka"? This children's game is believed to have been created in Sweden. Any guesses? You probably know it as Duck, Duck, Goose – or if you are from Sweden – Duck, Duck, Gray Duck.

What do you need to play this game? (*Kids, a place to hold hands and form a circle, space to run*) absolutely – you need a safe playground or schoolyard, right?

(This is the time in the activity when you have the kids play duck, duck, goose. After you play the same, continue with the lesson below)

Well imagine – fleeing your home, your country and traveling across borders with your family. You are looking for a safe place, a place to live. Unfortunately, in many countries you will not have legal status, as refugees your children may not be allowed to go to the local schools, you may not legally be able to work until you are granted asylum, you may not even speak the native language.

One of CWS's Partner programs in Cairo is StARS: St. Andrew's Refugee Services – what began as language class and drop-in center for Refugees has grown into a wholistic ministry that addresses the educational, medical, psycho-social and legal needs of a very vulnerable population.

Right now, refugee Mothers with young kids begin to rebuild their lives because of your support. These mothers can take language classes, find work or seek other aid knowing that their children are safe. Picture it, on a playground in front of a church in Cairo – Rina is holding hands with children in her pre-school class. They are forming a circle and soon someone will yell "Goose" and running, and laughter will follow!

We know how critical the early years of childhood are for developing minds and bodies. And we know that it is difficult to find safe, quality pre-school for an affordable price. And yet, such services are not only critical for the child but often not available to the families that need it the most. Thank you for helping young mothers, thank you for supporting the CWS

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