BEFORE READING

+ Tell children, the title of this book is <u>Four Feet, Two Sandals</u>. What do you think might happen in this story?
+ Ask children if they've ever had to leave a place/their home because of something dangerous, like maybe a natural disaster - fire, hurricane, tornado. Share how some countries do not experience as much peace and safety as the United States. Some families are afraid for their lives because of war, or because people are trying to hurt them - so they have to leave their home and their country! Try to imagine that. These people are called **refugees**. Our story today is a little glimpse of life in a **refugee camp** - a place for refugees to wait in safety, while they hope to come to America to find a more peaceful life.

DURING READING

+ Pause the video after the page about school. How are Lina's and Feroza's life similar to yours? And different?
+ *You may choose to explain that Ramadan is a religious festival that Muslims celebrate. Remind children that not everyone in the world believes in the one true God that we believe in.*
+ Pause when Feroza's grandmother calls to Lina - what list?? Predict what might happen next or at the end.

AFTER READING

+ Read the **Authors' note** to your children. You may want to find Afghanistan and Pakistan on a globe or map.
+ What does it mean to sacrifice? "Sacrifice" is a big word. Do you know what it means? It means to give up something good -- for something even more important. Discuss sacrifices people have made - parents, soldiers, missionaries - and Jesus. Share how Jesus made the ULTIMATE sacrifice. Being Christ-like means being sacrificial. Recently we celebrated Lent, a time when many people sacrificed something special to focus on Jesus. Take on a group challenge: As you go about your week, notice things you could sacrifice in order to serve others. Maybe it's skipping a restaurant meal and cooking at home instead - donating the saved money to your church or a charity. Or maybe you realize you have lots of toys or clothes you no longer need, and can donate them to a second-hand shop or community center. Many of us in America live full, abundant lives. God blesses us so that we, in turn, can be a blessing to others. What are some sacrifices we can make to bless those around us?

SPRINGBOARD ACTIVITIES:

Activity #1: Lend a Helping Hand - As mentioned in the book and video, many refugees are blessed by donations and care workers. Check out these organizations working to support refugees locally and abroad, or see if your local congregation has a connection to a ministry like this.

➔ **Christian Friends of New Americans** is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. They offer Bible studies, ESL and Citizenship classes, after-school tutoring, and donations of home goods. You can send a donation (maybe have a garage sale to raise funds) or volunteer if you live in the St. Louis area.
➔ You can also look into Lutheran Social Services of New York, LCMS Disaster Response, Ascentria Care Alliance, and other reputable Christian organizations such as WorldVision, Lutheran World Relief, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Activity #2: Explore the Arabic Language - Check out one of these fun activities. Note that just like the Biblical language of Hebrew, Arabic is written and read from right to left!

➔ Trace numbers 1-5
➔ English/Arabic Numbers 1-10 Posters. At the top, the English and Arabic number word is printed. Below the image, the English and Arabic numerals are printed. Children can try copying the word or the numeral into a notebook or with tracing paper, etc. Be creative with how you use these posters!
➔ Curious about letters, too? These two worksheets allow you to trace the Arabic alphabet and numbers 0-20. You may want to watch a video for pronunciation of the Arabic letters.