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Books and Lesson Plans (K-2)

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed

<u>Gist:</u>

◆ Lina and Feroza are Afghan refugees living in the Peshawar camp on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Lina, a 10-year-old, gets one sandal from a refugee clothing distribution truck. She meets Feroza, the owner of the matching pair. They decide to share the pair of sandals: every other day, Lina will wear both sandals. When Lina is slated to go to America, Feroza offers both sandals to her, saying: "You cannot go barefoot to America." Lina takes the gift, but then returns them to Feroza after Lina gets a new pair of real shoes. At the time of departure for Lina and her family, Feroza returns one of the sandals to Lina to remember her by—four feet, two sandals.

Enduring Understandings:

- ◆ A refugee is someone who must leave home for safety.
- War is something that children should not have to endure.
- Good memories are more important than good things.
- Conflict causes refugees.
- Generosity is a virtue.
- Culture is the way of life, especially customs and beliefs, of a group of people.

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Concepts:

- ♦ Refugees/refugee camps
- ♦ Pairs
- Practicality, kindness
- Cultural differences: only boys in school
- Saying goodbye (bidding farewell)
- ♦ Sharing

<u>Activities:</u>

◆ Teach Lesson: Teaching about Refugees. Lesson plans from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

www.unhcr.org/en-us/teaching-about-refugees.html

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- ◆ Teach lesson: More Alike than Unalike. Central Asian Institute. Explore connections between an 8th grader in America and an 8th grade girl in Afghanistan. https://penniesforpeace.org/get-involved/educators/
- ◆ Teach lesson: Culture Quilt. Central Asian Institute https://penniesforpeace.org/get-involved/educators/
- ◆ Teach lesson: Refugee Week 2017: Shared Future Teaching Resource (11-16). A suite of five, 30-minute activities.
 https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/refugee-week-2017-our-shared-future
- ♦ Teach Lesson: Create your safe space (11 years and under). With seven found objects, students draw their own refuge.
- ◆ Introduce sculpture project: Hannah Rose Thomas makes art out of recycled UN tents.
 - http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/news/latest/2015/4/552fd60b9/syrian-refugeestransform-used-tents-vibrant-worksart.html?query=Syrian%20refugees%20transform%20used%20tents%20into%20vibrant%20works%20of%20art
- Show video: What is it like to have no home?
 www.imyourneighborbooks.org/2016/12/15/3078
- ♦ Show short animated documentary: A journey from Afghanistan http://refugeeweek.org.uk/resources/education-resources/educational-videos
- ◆ Show short animated documentary: Matiuallah's Story.

 http://refugeeweek.org.uk/resources/education-resources/educational-videos
- ♦ Show short animated documentary: Faisal's Story.

 http://refugeeweek.org.uk/resources/education-resources/educational-videos
- ♦ Teach research skills: research numbers and types of refugee relief organizations.
- ♦ Teach lesson on math term "pairs."