

ALLEY SG Guide— Nov 14th/15th

Bible Story: One Fish, Two Fish, Bread's the Side Dish (Feeding the 5,000) • *John 6:1-13*

Bottom Line: Use what you have to lend a hand.

Memory Verse: "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16, NIV*

Life App: Service—lending a hand to help someone else.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Ask God to give you ideas to help your kids understand what it is they have that they can use to serve others. Pray that you'll be able to encourage those who don't feel like they have many material possessions or talents and skills to help others. Ask God to encourage them that there's always something they can use to lend a hand.

The Big Story (review the Bible story / application activity)

What You Need: "Draw Card" Activity Page on cardstock (2 per bin), "Feeding the 5,000 Story" Activity Page (2 per bin), paper, markers

What You Do:

- Ask kids to sit in a circle.
- Each kid picks a "Draw Card." Instruct kids not to show anyone their card. Each card has an object on it relating to the Bible story.
- Kids will draw the object from their card on their paper.
- When they are finished, ask kids to hand you their pictures.
- Shuffle the pictures and set them face up in a random order in the middle of the circle.
- As you retell the story using the "Feeding the 5,000 Story" Activity Page, the group will work together to put the pictures in the correct order of the story.

What You Say:

"Just like each of these pictures is part of our Bible story today, each of you are part of God's story. You need to keep your eyes open to see where you can **[Bottom Line] use what you have to lend a hand**. The boy in the Bible story didn't have enough food for EVERYONE, but he willingly gave Jesus what little he did have and Jesus did amazing things with it. Over 5,000 people were fed because a boy used what he had to lend a hand. And Jesus can do amazing things with what you have too. So be bold and **[Bottom Line] use what you have to lend a hand**."

Popping Big (application activity)

What You Need: 2 solo cups per bin, 30 popcorn kernels make 5 baggies with 30 in each, 30 pieces of popped popcorn (make 5 baggies with 30 in each), plastic spoons, timer

What You Do:

- Tell kids to sit in a circle.

- Place two cups in the center of the circle; one cup will contain about 30 popcorn kernels and the other cup will be empty.
- Give each kid a plastic spoon or set of chopsticks.
- Dump the popped popcorn in the center of the circle.
- Kids must pick up the popcorn using only the spoon and place the popcorn into the empty cup. You may want them to keep their other hand behind their back so they aren't tempted to use it.
- Time them to see how long it takes to collect all the popcorn in the cup.

What You Say:

"Here is an interesting thing. There is the same number of kernels in this cup (*hold up the cup with the kernels*) and as popcorn in this cup (*hold up the popcorn cup*). Yet the kernels barely cover the bottom of the cup and the popped corn fills the cup (*amount*). When heat is applied to the kernels, they turn into something twice their original size. Something small turns into something bigger. Just like the boy in the Bible story had a small amount of food (*hold up the kernels*), Jesus used what the boy had to provide food for over 5,000 people (*hold up the popcorn*). Jesus can use whatever you have, too, and do something amazing with it. So what is your job? To **[Bottom Line] use what you have to lend a hand** and trust that Jesus can do something amazing with what you have."

Spider Web Verse (*memory verse activity*)

What You Need: ball of yarn (maybe 2 per bin)

What You Do:

- Look up the memory verse, Matthew 5:16.
- Have kids sit in a circle with you holding the ball of yarn
- With one of your hands, hold on to the end of the yarn
- With the other hand throw the ball of yarn to someone else in the group as you say the first TWO words of the memory verse. Do NOT let go of the end of the yarn
- Have that child hold onto the yarn with one hand and throw the ball to another child in the circle as he/she says the second TWO words of the verse.
- Continue doing this as you say the whole verse. You should have a cool looking spider web design!

What You Say:

"Let's say the verse together: 'Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven,' Matthew 5:16. A great way to let your light shine is to **[Bottom Line] use what you have to lend a hand**. It doesn't matter if what you have is small or big; what does matter is that you **[Bottom Line] use what you have to lend a hand** and, in doing so, bring glory to your Father in heaven."

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time you used something you had to help someone else. Maybe you had some time and instead of watching TV you called a friend who has been having a rough time lately. Or maybe you let someone borrow your car or your bike for a day. Or maybe you had a tennis racquet you didn't use anymore so you gave it to a friend so they could learn how to play.)

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Remind kids of all the things God has given them. Review some of the objects or talents they mentioned during Social time.
- Pray with the kids using the Bottom Line: ***[Bottom Line]* Use what you have to lend a hand.** Thank God for all the gifts He has given you. Ask God for guidance how to use what He has blessed you with to lend a hand to help others.

PARENT CONNECTION AT PICK UP

Tell parents the kids learned that they need to use what they have to lend a hand. Encourage kids to share the Bible story with their parents and explain to their parents how Jesus used the littlest thing to do something amazing.