

ALLEY SG Guide – Nov 7th/8th

Bible Story: All Hands on Deck (Attitude of Giving to the Poor) • *Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10*

Bottom Line: Have a good attitude when you 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.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that kids would begin to understand that no one likes to be served by someone who has a bad attitude. Ask God to help the kids put themselves in others’ shoes when it comes to serving. Pray for your own attitude, as well; that serving would be something that comes easily to you, something that you do willingly and with an open heart.

Serving Relay (application activity / review the Bible story)

What You Need: Masking tape, bandanas (a few per bin) 2 serving type trays, toy dishes, silverware, cups and food (about 15 pieces per bin total)

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Make a starting line using masking tape, and about 15-10 feet away, make a finish line with masking tape.
- At the finish line, across from each team, place a tray and set the dishes/food on the tray.
- For kids with shoelaces, instruct them to tie the laces from their right foot to the laces on their left foot, thus making it really hard to walk and forcing them to hop to move. For kids without shoes laces, use a bandana to tie their hands together behind their back. (*Note: If you do not use bandanas instruct the kids to hold their hands behind their backs.*)
- When you say, “GO,” a member from each team will race to the finish line, grab one item, and race back.
- When all the items are gathered, the team must set the tray as if they were bringing a meal to serve to someone. The team with their tray set up first wins.

What You Say:

“You had a great attitude competing in this relay! You would have gone much faster and it would have been a much easier task if your hands or feet weren’t tied together. But in spite of the added difficulty, you still had fun and a great attitude!”

“Sometimes it is like that with serving. It can be difficult and there can be obstacles in your way so it takes longer to lend a hand than you had planned. But even when it is hard and inconvenient, God wants you to **[Bottom Line]** have a good attitude when you lend a hand.”

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time when you struggled to have a good attitude while lending a hand. Maybe you offered to drive a friend to an appointment and she was late so it took A LOT longer than you thought, or you wanted to go to a movie but your friend was moving so you

helped her move. Share with the kids what helped you have a good attitude even though it was hard.)

All about the Attitude (application activity)

What You Need: “Attitude Puzzle” Activity Page, Bibles, pencils

What You Do:

- Hand out the puzzles, pencils, and Bibles to the kids.
- Kids will look up the references listed and match the reference with the Bible verse listed on the page.
- For each Bible verse, kids will fill in the missing words.

What You Say:

“What do these verses say about serving and lending a hand? (*Serve cheerfully, enthusiastically, wholeheartedly, freely, without complaining, etc.*) Your attitude when you serve is important. Think about our story today in Large Group. Let’s imagine you had to show the new kid around school and you were extremely grumpy about it. Sure, you agreed to lend a hand to help someone, but how do you think your grumpy attitude made the new kid feel? Do you think your grumpy attitude demonstrated to the new kid how much God loves him? How you serve others is as important as getting the job done. Remember to **[Bottom Line] have a good attitude when you lend a hand.** And when you serve with a good attitude, you reflect God’s love to others.”

Stick the Verse (memory verse activity)

What You Need: “Flashlight Verse Cards” Activity Page (4 sets per bin), “sticky hands” (You will have to buy these. One per child and they can keep them afterwards)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into 2-3 teams. Give each group a set of “Flashlight Verse Cards.”
- Review this month’s memory verse: Matthew 5:16 (see “What You Say”)
- Ask kids to sit in a circle next to their teammates and place the cards in a pile in the center of the circle.
- Give each kid a “sticky hand.”
- Teams will retrieve the cards from the pile using the hand to grab a card. Remind teams to only retrieve their colored cards.
- The winner is the first team to retrieve all their colored cards and put them in the correct order.
- Say the verse together as a group.

What You Say:

“Let’s say the memory 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, NIV*) When you let your light shine so others can see it, you are living your life in a way that allows others to see Jesus in your actions and words. And when you let your light shine, ‘Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.’ What does it mean to ‘bring glory to your Father who is in heaven’? (*praise, honor, thanksgiving, etc.*) So if you were doing good

things but with a bad attitude, do you think God would be glorified? Why not? When you let your light shine, when you live your life for Jesus, it is important to remember to ***[Bottom Line]* have a good attitude when you lend a hand.**”

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray with kids using the Bottom Line: ***[Bottom Line]* Have a good attitude when you lend a hand.**
- Ask God for guidance how to serve with a good attitude, especially when you would rather be doing something else.

Parent Connection at Pick Up

Tell parents kids learned how important it is to ***[Bottom Line]* have a good attitude when you lend a hand.** Encourage kids to share with parents some examples of serving with a good attitude.