

ALLEY SG – Jan 2nd/3rd

Bible Story: The Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-31)

Bottom Line: The best resolution we can make is to put God first!

Memory Verse: “ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given unto you as well.” *Matthew 6:33*

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 open the kids’ eyes to the needs of those around them. Pray for them to have opportunities to meet others’ needs, both big and small. And pray for kids to be motivated to answer the call.

New Years Ball (review the Bible story)

What You Need: Balloon - One per small group.

How to Play: Have the group stand in a circle. They must keep the “New Years Ball” from falling to the ground by batting it up in the air within the circle . They may use any part of the body EXCEPT for the hands. Elbows, shoulder, knees, feet, and head, but no hands!

Count how many times the group hits the ball before it hits the ground. Play a few times to try to beat the number from the previous rounds.

What You Do: After you sit back down, ask the kids the following questions:

Story Review:

- What did the rich man decide to do with all his wealth?
- Why did he make that decision?
- What other choices could he have made?
- How can putting God first help us make wise choices?

What You Say:

“When we put God first, everything else falls into place. God will show us his plan for our lives and our gifts, and He will use them to glorify himself so that others may know Him like we do.

Verse Stacker (memory verse activity)

What You Need: solo cups with the words from the memory verse written on them (two sets of different per group)



What You Do:

- Look up memory verse together
- Read the verse a few times
- Divide the kids into 2 or 3 groups depending on size
- Give each group a set of cups
- Have a race to see which group can put the cups in the correct order first
- Play a few times

What You Say:

As we enter the New Year, the most important resolution we can make it to follow God. Spending time with God is better than anything else!

Parable of the Rich Fool Word Search and Crossword Puzzle

What You Need: word search (one per child), crossword (one per child)

What You Do:

Have kids complete the word searches or crossword puzzle

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray with the kids.

What You Say:

[Bottom Line] “The best resolution we can make is to put God first! Let’s pray and ask God for help to put God first in this New Year.

“God, You are awesome! We are so thankful that you love us and want a relationship with us. Please help us put you first this year. We love you very much. Amen.”

PARENT CONNECTION AT PICK UP

Remind parents the kids learned about how they will make God a priority in the New Year.