

# ALLEY SG - January 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Story:** Extreme Makeover: Tabernacle Edition (Building the tabernacle) • Exodus 28:1, 3; 31:1-11; 35: 21, 25, 34; 39:42-43

**Bottom Line:** We can work together to get God's work done.

**Memory Verse:** "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9, *NIRV*

**Life App:** Cooperation—working together to do more than you can do alone.

*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 help kids understand why He wants us to cooperate with others and that He made us to live in community with other believers. Pray that God would give your kids opportunities to work together with others to get His work done, whether it's as big as a service project or as "small" as showing kindness to someone who needs it.*

## **Tabernacle Draw** (application activity / review the Bible story)

**What You Need:** "Tabernacle" Activity Page (1 for each bin), 2 small whiteboards with erasable markers, blank paper, pens or pencils

### **What You Do:**

- Divide the group into two teams and give each team a whiteboard and an erasable marker.
- Each team also gets a piece of paper.
- Read a Bible story review question and each team will write their answer on their whiteboard. Review the correct answer. For each team's correct response, they can draw one straight line on their section of their paper. The first team to construct the tabernacle as shown in the "Tabernacle" Activity Page wins.
- *Note: If you finish all questions and neither team has finished the tabernacle, you can have kids draw a line for each example of ways to work together to share God's love.*

### **Bible Story Questions:**

- What is a tabernacle? (*A huge portable tent that could be taken down and set up as the Israelites moved from place to place*)
- Why did God ask the Israelites to build a tabernacle? (*So God could come and live with them; it was a place set apart for God to meet with His people*)
- Building a tabernacle required many different people with many different talents. Name three jobs or talents God requested in His instructions to build the tabernacle. (*Foreman/overseer, construction workers/builders, stone workers, people who could sew fabric for the priests' clothing, people who gave offerings or money to fund the project, artists, teachers, Bezalel, woodworkers, metal workers*)
- Name one of the main workers who helped build the tabernacle and what skills God had given him. (*Bezalel: carve things, make patterns out of cloth and yarn, sew*)
- What is the definition of cooperation? (*Working together to do more than you can do alone*)
- Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our hearts. Name two ways we can work together to share God's love with other people. (*Sing worship songs together, pray together, help others, etc.*)

### **What You Say:**

"The Israelites definitely had to show cooperation when they built the tabernacle; no one person could have done it alone. God wanted people with different skills and talents to build the tabernacle, and God wants people with different skills and talents to show His love to others. You did a great job working together in this game and I know **[Bottom Line] we can work together to get God's work done.**"

### **God's Work (application activity)**

**What You Need:** "Talent Cards" Activity Page (1 set per bin), butcher paper (1 piece per small group), marker, Bible

### **What You Do:**

- Look up the greatest commandment, Mark 12:29-31.
- Trace a kid on a butcher paper and write the heading, "Love God! Love your neighbor!"
- Read a "Talent Card" and, as a group, brainstorm how we could use that talent to get God's work done, such as love God, love your neighbor.
- Kids write one or two of the examples on the butcher paper for each talent.

### **What You Say:**

"When we work to show others how much we love God, and when we work to show God's love to our neighbors, we are doing God's work. Sure, we can do God's work alone, but when we cooperate and work together we can do more than we could do alone. We worked together to come up with great ways to love God and love our neighbors, and **[Bottom Line] we can work together to get God's work done.**"

### **Road Verse (memory verse activity)**

**What You Need:** Bibles, dice (10-12 dice per bin), 2 sets of "Road Verse Cards" Activity Page (2 sets of different color per bin)

### **What You Do:**

- Look up the memory verse and read it together.

**Finding verses with 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Our verse is from Ecclesiastes. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (*Old*). When they find Ecclesiastes, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 4. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find verse 9 in chapter 4.

- For this activity there will be two teams. One team will be your Small Group of kids and the other "team" will just be you!
- Each team gets a set of "Road Verse Cards." The goal is to be the first to make a road with the cards, making sure the verse is in the correct order.
- Tell the group to spread the cards out and turn them face down.
- Give everyone a die. Explain that our verse says, "Two people are better than one," so for every "2" someone rolls, they get to flip a card over. Once the group has enough cards turned over, kids can start putting them in order.

- The winner is the first team to complete their “road” (by flipping over the entire verse and putting it in the correct order).
- *Note: Because the kids have more people rolling the dice, they should be almost guaranteed to complete their road before you do.*

### **What You Say:**

“You did a great job working together to get the ‘road’ complete. Let’s say the verse together: ‘Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do,’ Ecclesiastes 4:9. (NirV) That was certainly the case in this game; the more people on your team the better chance you had of rolling a two and completing the road. The same is true when we are working for God. **[Bottom Line]** **We can work together to get God’s work done** and when we cooperate we can do more than we could working alone.”

### **Pray**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Pray with kids thanking God for the talents and gifts He has uniquely given each of us and asking Him for guidance to see opportunities where we can work together to get His work done.

### **PARENT CONNECTION AT PICK UP**

Tell parents this month kids are learning about cooperation. Encourage kids to share with their parents how the Israelites showed cooperation to get God’s work done.