

ALLEY SG- January 7th/8th

Bible Story: Boy Jesus at the temple • *Luke 2:41-52*

Bottom Line: What God says is the most important thing to know.

Memory Verse: “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” *Psalms 119:105 (NIV)*

Life App: Knowledge—learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Take One! Action!

What You Need: Bibles, name tags, paper, markers, “Jesus at the Temple” Activity Page, “Jesus and Mary Notecards”

What You Do:

- Set the scene. Ask kids: In our Bible story today, where did Jesus and his family live? (*Nazareth*)
- Write “Nazareth” on a piece of paper and set it on the floor.
- Ask kids: Where were Jesus and His family traveling to? Why were they going there? Where did Jesus and His family go to worship and learn about God? (*They went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. They worshiped in the temple.*)
- Write “Jerusalem/Temple” on a piece of paper and place the paper some distance from the “Nazareth” sign.
- Assign each kid a person from the Bible story to portray: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, friends, teachers, and people being amazed.
- Once they have their role, instruct kids to make a nametag indicating who they are pretending to be in the story.
- Using the “Jesus at the Temple” Activity Page, read the story for kids to act out. When prompted in the narration, hand the appropriate kid the note card indicated and instruct him/her to read it.

What You Say:

- Why was Jesus in the temple in the first place? (He was with the teachers of the law; learning and teaching about God).
- Share something you know about the Bible that others might not know? How did you hear about that?
- How has what God said helped you? (*LEADER: Share a story with the kids about how it has helped you.*)
- What are some ways we can know more about God? (Reading the Bible, come to church).
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Chutes and the Basket

What You Need: 2 sets of prepared chutes, marble and bucket

Click here to see how to play this game: <https://youtu.be/Cc0hfJ7z1Nw>

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a set of chutes (will be either PVC pipes or pool noodles) and a marble.

- Kids should work together to hold their chute in place as they roll a marble down their chute into a basket.
 - The kids are allowed to move only when the marble is off their pipe.
- The first team to get a ball in the bucket and say the verse together wins.
 - Feel free to have them try again with the basket further away.

What You Say:

- What was hard about that? (We had to work together; never have done this before.)
- How did you know that holding the pipes a certain way help you get the marble to the other side? (Knowing gravity; having the knowledge or experience to do this game)
- While knowledge of science is important, knowledge of God is even more important. How can knowing what God says help us with our lives? (Help show us know what is right or wrong; knowing the truth of God's love and his friendship with us.)
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Pray (At Communion Call)

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Spend time this week asking kids if they have anything-big coming up this week. Whether a basketball game, a competition, or even a test.
- Point out that we pray to God for wisdom and not math test answers.
- Pray that God would help provide wisdom to our lives and to remember that if we need wisdom, we can remember **[Bottom Line] what God says is the most important thing to know."**

EXTRA ACTIVITY

Memory Verse Relay

What You Need: 2 sets of "Memory Verse" cards, Bibles, stopwatch (optional)

What You Do:

- Have kids split into two teams.
- Scatter the cards on the other side of the room. Have the kids race to get the memory cards as fast as they can.
- Once they have all the cards, have them open their Bibles and look up the verse in the book of Psalms.
- The first time to put the verse together wins the game.
 - Feel free to time the kids to see who can get the verse place in order first.
- Once, you are finish ask these following questions.

What You Say:

- What do think this "light" is in this verse?
- What do you think the God's word shows us or makes clear? (What we can do to live the best life).
- How has the Bible helped "guide" you before?
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