

# ALLEY SG- February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>

**Bible Story:** The Good Samaritan • *Luke 10:25-37*

**Bottom Line:** Love others because they matter to God.

**Memory Verse:** “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10 (NIV).

**Life App:** Love—choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

## **First Aid Team**

**What You Need:** Bible, adhesive bandages, toilet paper, blankets

### **What You Do:**

- Form two teams.
- Give each team 5 bandages, a roll of toilet paper, and a blanket. Choose the smallest person on each team to play the part of the injured man in today’s Bible story. Have that kid lie on the floor at the end of the room opposite his or her team.
- Explain that, at your signal, kids must race with supplies to their hurt team members. The goal of the game is to be the first group to complete the following actions:
  - Put 5 bandages on the hurt team member.
  - Wrap the entire roll of toilet paper on his arms, legs, and head to look like bandages.
  - Drag or slide him on the blanket all the way back to the starting point.
- First team to get back to the start wins the game.

### **What You Say:**

- Do you think that we did an effective job of bandaging up our person? Why or why not?
- What do you think made the “Good” Samaritan good? (*He helped someone who was hurting and he cared about what they looked, or acted like*).
- Imagine you were the Good Samaritan and instead of seeing the Jewish man, you saw a bully from school. What would you do?
- Do you think it’s wrong for us not to love or help someone who looks different from us? Why or why not?
- What about those who are mean to us? (*We don’t trust them, they might still hurt us*). What do you think Jesus would have done?
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## **Gotcha!**

**What You Need:** Chair, flat surface (table or chair), cotton ball, cup, blindfold, masking tape.

### **What You Do:**

- Put a cotton ball under the cup on a surface (chair or table if available) and the guesser will sit 3 feet away from the cup.
- Choose one kid to be the first guesser and hand them a blindfold.
- Have the remaining kids stand behind a line in the room on the opposite side of the blindfolded kid.
- They will try to get the ball from underneath the cup without the guesser hearing them. If she hears them, she can shout, “gotcha.” If there are any “retrievers” that have crossed the line, they

must sit down where they got caught and return the ball under the cup. If no retriever has crossed the line, she gets a strike.

- The kids can win by retrieving the ball or if the guesser gets 3 strike.
- The blindfolded kid can win when everyone is out.
- Remind the kids that if they cross the line, they have to commit to going.

### What You Say:

- What made this game easy or hard? Was it harder to be the blindfolded person or harder to get the ball?
- The Bible tells us that we are made in the “image of God.” What do you think that means? (*We are created in God’s image and He made us like Him. For example, our love for other people, our ability to create art, and even our speech is all a mark of this*).
- If we are created in God’s image, and God cares a lot about things that bare His image, what do you think that means for us? (*We shouldn’t bully, we love others, and we honor others*).
- What can you do this week to love others and remember they were created in God’s image?
- **[Bottom Line] love others because they matter to God.**

### Pray

**What You Need:** Index cards; 1 per kid, pens

### What You Do:

- Give each kid an index card and pen.
- Ask kids to clearly print their name on one side of the card and then turn it over and sign their name in a fancy script, as if they were a celebrity signing their autograph.
- Let kids exchange cards and pray silently for the kid whose name is on the card.
- Invite them to ask God to help their friend **[Bottom Line] love others because they matter to God.**

### What You Say:

“Dear God, You love us so much. You are our biggest fan. You know our name. You watch everything we do and follow every thought we have. You cheer us on when we need encouragement. You applaud for us when we make the right choices. More than anything, we thank You for sending Your Son to save us. YOU are the true Star who shows us how to **[Bottom Line] love others because they matter to God.** Help us to treat others the way we want to be treated this week. We love You, Jesus. Amen.”

### Bible Bandages

**What You Need:** Bibles, “Bible Bandages” Activity Pages (or labels), pens, scissors, tape

### What You Do:

- Form two teams, and give each team an Activity Page, pens, scissors, and tape.
- Ask teams to cut out the bandages and then write out 1 John 4:10 by putting a few words on each one. They will need to use all 12 of their bandages. Kids can refer to their Bibles to make sure they have the verse written correctly.
- When teams have finished preparing their bandages, have them each tape several onto their arms, legs, head, or any appropriate spot they want.
- Finish up by having teams race to say 1 John 4:10. The only words a kid can say are the ones written on the bandages he’s wearing.

### What You Say:

- What words in 1 John 4:10 do you think are the most important? Why?
- In what ways does Jesus' death break down the barriers between people and make everyone equal?
- Why do you think God wants us to love others? (*He wants us to give to others the same love that He and Jesus have given to us*).
- What's a way you can love others like Jesus? (*Sharing, helping, giving them something, listening*).
- **[Bottom Line] love others because they matter to God."**