

ALLEY SG- April 22nd/23rd

Bible Story: The Great Commission / Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20 (Supporting: Acts 1:6-11)*

Bottom Line: I can put others first by doing what Jesus said.

Memory Verse: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” *Philippians 2:3, NIV*

Life App: Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

Prize Giveaway!

What You Need: Mouth guard (1 per kid), “Prize Giveaway!” cards (1 per bin), Alley Cash

What You Do:

- Split the kids into two teams and hand each kid a mouth guard.
- Tell the kids you are going to play a game and you will give away Alley cash to the winning team at the end of the game.
- Give the first kid the card and their team will have 60 seconds to guess what the phrase is on the card.
- The teams will switch back and forth reading the phrases until all of them are gone.
 - Have the kids hold on to the phrase cards to keep track of their points.
- The team with the most correct cards wins the game.
- After the kids win the game, have them share their alley cash with the losing team.

What You Say:

- What was hard about sharing your card with everyone else? *(It’s confusing, it’s hard to speak)*
- In your own words, tell me what Jesus wants us to share with others? *(Great Commission)*
- Ask the kids about the first time they heard about Jesus. **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about how you heard about Jesus for the first time.)**
- What is something that can help us share Jesus with friends? *(Invite them to church, tell them about why you follow Jesus, tell them about your Bible).*
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Simon Says

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Play a game of “Simon Says.”
- After playing a few rounds, start throwing in something that Jesus said and a way for kids to act it out. When you do this, instead of saying “Simon says,” say, “Jesus says,” and then explain how to act it out. For example:
 - Jesus says love your neighbor. (give someone a high five or a hug)
 - Jesus says do unto others as you would have done to you. (scratch someone’s back)
 - Jesus says tell others about my love. (tell someone about Jesus’ love)
 - Jesus says share what you have. (act out giving something to someone)
 - Jesus says help those in trouble. (one person lie down and act hurt, someone else help them up)
 - Jesus says feed the hungry. (act out giving someone some soup)

What You Say:

- Is the game “Simon Says” similar to what Jesus says? Why or why not?
- What is the hardest part of following what Jesus says? (*Obedying his rules*)
- What are some ways we can learn what Jesus says? (*Come to church, read the Bible, Watch videos about the Bible, or ask a small group leader if you have questions*).
- What do you think happens after you follow Jesus? (*Look more like Jesus, have better friendships, get in trouble less, bare fruits of the Holy Spirit, etc.*)
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Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray with the kids, asking Jesus to help them act out of his love and not their own desires in order to put others first.

What You Say:

“Doing what Jesus said will always lead to putting others first, but we aren’t perfect and we can’t and won’t do it perfectly. We need to ask Jesus to put His Holy Spirit and His love in our hearts so that He can help us to love others enough to obey what He says and put them first. **[Bottom Line] I can put others first by doing what Jesus said.”**

Extra Activity

Word Search Verse

What You Need: “Philippians 2:3 Word Search” page (1 per kid), Bibles, pens

What You Do:

- Hand kids a word search and have them try to find each word on the side.
- Once they find every word, have them write on the bottom the verse in the right order. They may use the Bibles to help find the correct order of the verse.
- Once most of them have completed the page, ask the following questions.

What You Say:

- When was the last time you saw or heard about someone putting others first?
- What is something that Jesus said to do that you can do to put others first?
- What are some ways you can begin to make doing what Jesus said something that comes more naturally or automatically to you?
- Are you typically aware of what’s happening when you don’t put others first? What about when you do put others first? How do you feel when you’ve put someone else first in a big way?
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