

ALLEY SG June 1- 2, 2024

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

1. Roll the Dice Story Review

What You Need: Dice (2 per group)

What You Do:

- Have the kids take turns rolling both dice. (If you are in a big group, call a kid up to roll each round)
- Encourage them to answer the review question that corresponds with the number they rolled.
- If someone rolls a number already called, move onto someone else until all questions are answered.

Review Questions:

2. **What is a parable?** *(A story that uses everyday objects and situations to explain something about God's kingdom)*
3. **In what ways are we like sheep?** *(We wander away; we try to do things on our own; we need to be rescued and cared for; we don't always make wise choices, etc)*
4. **In what ways are we like the shepherd's friends?** *(We can celebrate the amazing things God is doing in people and in the world around us and be joyful)*
5. **How would you define sin?** *(When we do things that break our relationship with God or other people.)*
6. **Why does a sheep need a shepherd?** *(Sheep are not very smart; they get distracted and wander away; they are helpless and can't defend themselves; if they fall over, they can't get back up on their own.)*
7. **True or False? Jesus will help us and rescue us most of the time, as long as we don't mess up too many times.** *(False. There is no mess or trouble we can get into that's too deep or too awful for Jesus. He is always there to help us.)*
8. **What brings great joy in heaven?** *(Whenever someone chooses to follow Jesus)*
9. **Where does joy come from for a Jesus follower?** *(Joy is a gift from God. The Holy Spirit brings us joy.)*
10. **Jesus spent time with all kinds of people—even those the religious leaders called sinners. What does that tell you about him?** *(Answers will vary.)*
11. **What is something Jesus has done for us that we can celebrate?** *(Answers will vary.)*
12. **What book of the Bible can you find today's Bible story?** *(Luke)*

2. Memory Verse Review

What You Need: Bibles, markers or colored pencils, "Verse Draw" Activity Page (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible and direct them to look up Proverbs 17:22
- Read the verse to the group. *"A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up."* Proverbs 17:22 (NirV)

- Say the verse together by inviting half of the group to say the first part and the other half to say the second part.
- Ask:
 - A cheerful heart can't take away a sore throat or mend a broken arm, so in what ways does a joyful attitude make you healthy?
 - Describe someone who has a broken spirit.
 - How does a sad, discouraged attitude make someone feel dried up?
 - When have you felt both of the emotions mentioned in this verse?
 - What are some ways to turn a broken spirit into a cheerful heart?
- Give each kid a "Verse Draw" Activity Page.
- Set out the markers or colored pencils.
- Instruct kids to draw a simple illustration on each card for that part of the verse.
- When finished, let kids share their illustrations and the meaning behind each one.

3. Discussion Questions

- What does joy mean to you?
- When you think of Jesus as your shepherd, what comes to mind?
- What is something you can celebrate today?
- Name some large and small ways God is at work around us. How does that help you to have joy?

EXTRA TIME SHEETS

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- "Dear God, thank You for being a good Shepherd, always watching over us. We know that when we go the wrong way, you come looking for us with love and joy in Your heart. Thank You for sending Jesus. Even when we make mistakes or feel lost, thank You that Jesus is there to guide us back to You. Help us to trust that **we can have joy because of Jesus**. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share something that brings them joy.