

# ALLEY SG June 15-16, 2024

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

## 1. Bible Story Review

**What You Need:** “Timeline” Activity Page (one set per group), “Timeline Key” Activity Page (one per group)

### What You Do:

- If you are doing this in a large group, divide the kids into groups.
- Shuffle the cards from the “Timeline” Activity Page and give each kid in the group a card.
  - If you have fewer than 10 kids, give some kids more than one card.
  - If you have more than 10 kids, pair some kids up.
- Choose one kid to read their card first, out loud, to the group. Direct that kid to lay their card in the middle of the space.
- Choose another kid to read their card then lay it to the left or right of the first card, depending on when they think the event occurred in today’s Bible story.
- Repeat until all cards have been put in story order.
- Adjust the placement of the cards to create more space to the right/left as needed.
- When all the cards have been laid out, read them out loud in the order kids have them.
- Invite a discussion, asking if any cards should be adjusted. (Check the correct story order using the “Timeline Key” Activity Page.)
  - *Optional: Let your group know how many cards should be moved and invite them to share which ones they think should move.*
- After the timeline is complete, ask kids to identify key events that were cause for celebration along the way. Invite kids to share how God’s people may have felt during those times of celebration.
- Ask:
  - If you created a timeline of your life from this past week, what are some things God helped you accomplish day by day?
  - If there was a timeline of your whole life, what are some big, important accomplishments God has helped you with?
  - Why is it important to celebrate the little things God does for us each step of the way?

## 2. Practice Having Joy

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

### What You Do:

- Direct the group to sit in a circle.
- Share one of the following prompts and challenge kids to go around the circle taking turns to respond:
  - Describe joy using 2 rhyming words.
  - Define joy using a word that begins with “H.”
  - Talk about joy using a sentence containing the word “anyone” in it.
  - Share a word that ends with “L” and reminds you of joy.
  - Name something that is the opposite of joy.
- When kids run out of ideas or repeat words, move on to another prompt from the list above.
- Ask kids questions or invite them to explain more about their responses throughout the game.

## 3. Discussion Questions

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

- What’s your favorite way to celebrate and worship God?
- If someone said to you, “I don’t have anything to be joyful about,” what would you say to help them realize that they do?
- What is something that took longer than you wanted it to? How might it help in those situations to celebrate small steps of progress along the way and thank God for them?

## AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

### PRAY

- “Dear God, thank You for reminding us of the things we have overcome and achieved. Help us to remember not to get stressed when we struggle to complete things or when they don’t go the way we think they should. Help us to remember that we will never be completely finished in this lifetime with all the things we might want to do or learn. Help us enjoy and celebrate the steps we accomplish and trust You to be with us as we keep going. 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 God has helped them with.