

# ALLEY SG September 7- 8, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** More Than Enough (Jesus Feeds 5,000) • *John 6:1-13*

**Today's Key Question:** What do you have that you can use to help others?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Use what you have to help others.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

## 1. Bible Story Extension

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** "Tasty Trivia" Cards (2 sets per group), "Tasty Trivia Key" Activity Page (1 per group), baskets (2 per group), pens

### What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams and ask kids to sit with their team on one side of your group space.
- Give each team a pen or pencil.
- Place a set of Tasty Trivia cards in each basket.
- Set the baskets on the other side of your group space – each one across from a team.
- Explain that when you say "Go!" one kid from each team will choose a unique way to get to their team's basket (skip, hop, leap like a frog, etc.) and pick one of the cards, then return to their group in the same way.
- When they return, they should read the question on the card out loud to their team.
  - Teams can work together to write their answers on the back of the card.
  - As soon as they have an answer written down, another kid from the team will do the same, except they cannot choose the same method that the first person used.
  - Teams will repeat until they have retrieved and responded to all 7 cards.
- Direct teams to choose one kid to go first and say, "Go," to begin.
- Celebrate the first team to answer all 7 questions as the winning team.
- When complete, use the "Tasty Trivia Key" Activity Page to ask each of the questions and allow the group to take turns answering.
- Ask the following questions for further discussion:
  - Do you think the boy knew his lunch could feed a whole crowd?
  - How did Jesus show compassion to the crowd?
  - What can you use to help others?
- Remind kids that we all have something we can use to help others.

## 2. Take a Snapshot

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** "Share the Light Cards" (1 set per group), LED light up balloons (one per kid)

### What You Do:

- Direct kids to stand in a circle.
- Choose a kid to go first and hand them the stack of cards from the "Share the Light" Activity Page.
- Ask them to pick the first card, read it out loud for the group, then give an answer on how they could share what they have in that scenario.
- After they share, tell them to pass the cards to the kid on their left.

- Give the kid who just went an LED light up balloon; invite them to blow it up, tie it, and hold it in their hands while the rest of the group takes their turns reading scenarios.
- Continue around the circle, allowing each kid to respond to a scenario then prepare a balloon.
- Once everyone has had a turn, admire the circle lit up with everyone's balloons.
- Explain that everyone has something to share, even if it's as simple as offering up a smile to brighten someone else's day. When we choose to share with others and show compassion, we are living brightly to shine the light of Jesus to the world around us.

### 3. Discussion Questions

- What do you have that you can use to help others?
- Do you know someone you can help? If so, how can you help them?
- Why should you help others?
- What can stand in the way of your ability to help others?
- Why is it sometimes hard to share?

### 4. Verses To Take With You

*Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** a soft ball (one per group)

**What You Do:**

- Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - *Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)*
- Say the verse several times together
- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.
- If there is still time, work as a group to come up with motions to the verse.

### AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

**PRAY**

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

*"Dear God, thank You for the opportunity to learn more about shining Your light in the world. Help us to see how we can use the skills, talents, and resources You have given us to help others. May we be instruments of Your love and kindness, reaching out to others with compassion. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."*

- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home and bring back next week for a prize.

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to share one way they are going to use what they have to help others.