

ALLEY SG – March 22 - 23, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Up on the Roof (Four Friends Work Together) • *Luke 5:17-26*

Today's Key Question: How can you work together to help someone?

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to help someone in need.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)

1. Roll the Dice Story Review

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Dice (2 per group)

What You Do:

- Have the kids take turns rolling both dice.
- 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. True or false? Jesus was teaching and performing miracles, and many people traveled to hear Him. (*Answer: true*)
 3. Why did the main man in the story want to see Jesus? (*Answer: He couldn't walk.*)
 4. How many friends helped the man who couldn't walk? (*Answer: four*)
 5. How did the friends get their friend to Jesus? (*Answer: They carried him on a mat.*)
 6. When they arrived at the house, what BIG problem did they find? (*Answer: The house was packed, and they couldn't get through the crowd.*)
 7. What creative solution did the friends come up with when they saw how crowded it was? (*Answer: They took their friend to the roof, dug a hole, and lowered him to Jesus.*)
 8. What did Jesus say to the man when he saw him? (*Answer: "Friend, your sins are forgiven." — Luke 5:20, NIRV*)
 9. How did the religious leaders feel about what Jesus said? (*Answer: They were shocked because only God could forgive sins.*)
 10. What happened next? Did Jesus help the man walk? (*Answer: Yes, He healed the man so he could walk.*)
 11. Who were the helpers in today's story? (*Answer: The four friends who took the man to Jesus, and Jesus helped the man by forgiving his sins and healing him.*)
 12. What is today's bottom line? (*Answer: Work together to help someone in need.*)
- Ask, "In today's Bible Story, a man couldn't walk until his friends helped him get to Jesus. How do you think he felt when his friends carried him to the roof? (*Invite responses.*)
 - Ask, "What did Jesus say to the man when he was healed? (*"I tell you . . . get up. Take your mat and go home."*) Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference!

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: “Improv Assistance” Cards (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to stand on one side of your group space.
- Select two kids to start and direct them to stand in front of the rest of the group.
- Tell kids they are about to play an improv game where a student is late to school and the teacher asks, “Why?”
- Assign one kid to be the “teacher” and the other kid to be the “student.”
- Direct the “student” to face the group and the “teacher” to stand with their back to the group.
- Explain the game:
 - The “student” will explain why they were late to the teacher, but they don’t know the real reason yet!
 - As they explain, you will hold up a Improv Assistance card for the rest of the group to see.
 - Without speaking, the rest of the group will help the “student” figure out why they were late by acting out the scenario on the card.
- Hold up a card for the rest of the group to see.
- Encourage the rest of the group to act out the scenario from the card.
- Once the student explains the correct reason why they were late, invite everyone to applaud the actors.
- Choose two new volunteers and repeat with a different scenario from the “Improv Assistance” cards.
- Continue playing as time allows or until all scenarios have been used.
- Ask the following questions for discussion:
 - Have you ever been late for one of the reasons we acted out?
 - How did you work together in this game?
 - Why should we work together to help someone else?
- Explain to kids that working together can make a big impact, whether through big actions like organizing a food drive to help those in need or small acts like picking up trash or praying for someone else.
- Share with kids that sometimes small actions done together can create big results!

3. Discussion Questions

- Why should we help others?
- Have you seen people working together to help someone else?
- How can you work together to help someone?
- Is it easier or more challenging to work together to help someone else?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: “Helpful Verses” Activity Page (one per pair of kids), markers, Bibles

What You Do:

- Invite kids to form groups of two and sit in your group area.
- Give each pair a Bible, “Helpful Verses” Activity Page, and two markers.
- Explain to the kids that the pairs will take turns looking up each Bible verse and reading them aloud.
- After reading all the verses, instruct each kid to circle one that stands out to them the most.
- Invite the pairs to share the verse they circled with each other, explaining why they chose it.
- Prompt the kids to think about someone in their community who might need encouragement or a reminder of God’s love.
- Give pairs a few moments to discuss.
- Encourage kids to think of ways they could show that person some encouragement!

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 loving us and for giving us each other. We see lots of needs around us—some are big, and some are small. Please help us to work together to help those in need. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to say one thing they learned in today’s Bible story.