

ALLEY SG – March 8 - 9, 2025

Today's Bible Story: You Raise Me Up (Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites) • *Exodus 17:8-13*

Today's Key Question: Who do you work well with?

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

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

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Large piece of butcher paper (one per group), markers

What You Do:

- Roll out the piece of butcher paper in the middle of your group space.
- Ask kids to draw characters or scenarios from today's Bible story.
- Have them explain what they drew to the group and how it relates to today's story.
- Say, "I can't think of a better example of cooperation than the story of Joshua and the Israelites fighting the Amalekites. God gave Moses a way to help the Israelites by raising his arms high, but Moses couldn't do it alone. Aaron and Hur saw Moses struggling, so they stepped in to help. Together, they helped Moses—and all of God's people—win the battle. They learned firsthand that you can **work together to help someone succeed**. Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone. It's about what you can do with others and FOR others!"

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: "Story Showcase" Cards (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Invite kids to gather in your group space.
- Choose one kid to sit in the front of the group, facing the rest of the kids. This kid will be the guesser.
- Stand behind the guesser so they cannot see you.
- Pick one of the Story Showcase card.
- Hold it behind the guesser so they cannot see it but show it to the rest of the group.
- Direct the kids to take turns giving clues to the guesser who can't see the card.
 - The clues should not include any part of the story's title in them.
- Once the guesser guesses correctly, choose another kid to go next.
- Continue until every kid gets a turn to guess or the cards run out.

3. Discussion Questions

- Who do you work well with?
- Why should we want to see others succeed?
- Who has helped you succeed?
- How do we recognize when someone needs help?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Paper, Bibles, pens or pencils

What You Do:

- Divide kids into four groups.
 - *(If your group has fewer than 8 kids, divide them in half and assign each group 2 verses.)*
- Hand each group a Bible, a piece of paper, and a pen or pencil.
- Assign each group one of the following Bible verses.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - Proverbs 27:17
 - Romans 12:4-5
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9
- Instruct the groups to write the verse reference on their piece of paper.
- Direct the kids to find their verse and read it aloud as a group.
- Then, as a group, encourage them to come up with a tip for finding that Bible verse.
 - Groups must create a tip that doesn't include using the Table of Contents.
- Instruct the groups to add instructions for their tip on the paper.
- Once everyone is finished, invite them to swap papers with another group.
- Then, give the groups time to look up the new verse using the tips and read it out loud together.
- Continue the process until each group has read all 4 Bible verses.
- Explain to kids that the Bible can sometimes feel overwhelming or confusing, especially when they don't know how to find what they're looking for.
- Share how incredible it is that your Small Group gets to gather each week. It's an opportunity to uplift and encourage each other as we learn about God's Word!

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 creating each of my friends here uniquely! Getting things done by ourselves can feel easier, but we know You created us to work together. Please give each of us the patience to **work together to help someone succeed**. Open our eyes to see how we can cooperate with others daily. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- If there is still time, pass out the God time cards 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 share someone who has helped them succeed.