

# ALLEY SG – June 21- 22, 2025

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

## 1. Encourage One Another

**What You Need:** card stock (one per kid), decorating supplies, markers

### What You Do:

- Ask:
  - How does it feel when someone encourages you?
  - What are some things you can say to encourage someone?
- Give each child a piece of card stock and tell them to fold it in half to create a card.
- Pass out the stickers and markers
- Tell the kids to think of someone they would like to encourage and have them make them an uplifting card to show their love.
- Encourage the kids to give this card to the person they want to encourage to make their day!
- Say, “Jesus, God’s only Son, lived His life showing love to everyone, no matter who they were! He was there for others, encouraging them with God’s words. God calls us to do the same—to encourage each other, to stir up love, and to do good things together.”

## 2. Memory Verse Race

**What You Need:** “Memory Verse” Cards (2 sets per group),

### What You Do:

- Read the verse (Philippians 2:5) aloud to the group.
- Invite the kids to repeat the verse together several times.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Direct each team to form a line and place one set of verse cards across from each line..
- When you say GO the first person on each team will run down and grab one card from the pile.
- When he gets back, the next child in line will do the same.
- After the team has all the cards, they will work together to put the words of the verse in order
- The first one to complete the verse is the winner.
- If time, play again, the kids do something else to get to the end: skip, walk backwards, etc.

## 3. Discussion Questions

- When has someone encouraged you?
- Have you ever felt like you needed encouragement?
- Why do we all need encouragement sometimes?
- What’s something you know about Jesus that encourages you?

#### 4. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Bibles, Paper, pens or pencils

**What You Do:**

- Invite the kids to form groups of two - three.
- Instruct the groups to spread out.
- Hand each group a Bible, a piece of paper, and a pen or pencil.
- Direct the groups to look up Hebrews 10: 24-25
- Instruct the groups to read the verse together.
- Explain that they will have several minutes to create their own cheer, chant, or rap encouraging the group to live like Jesus.
  - This could be to the tune of a well-known song or an original tune the group creates.
- Direct the kids to use the paper and pen or pencil to write their words down.
- Give each group a chance to perform their encouragement for the entire group.
- Share with the kids that the purpose of the book of Hebrews was to encourage believers to live like Jesus!
- Explain that we're especially called to encourage others who love Jesus to love LIKE Jesus.
- Ask kids this question and allow plenty of time for discussion:
  - What encourages you to live like Jesus?

#### 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*)"
- "Dear God, thank You for each of my friends here today! Thank You for loving us and showing us how important it is to encourage one another. We are so grateful for Your Word, the Bible, where we get to learn about You every day! Please help us practice encouraging others. Give us the courage to speak kind words that will lift up our friends, families, and those around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the encouragement card they made.