

ALLEY SG – May 31- June 1, 2025

Today's Bible Story: I Will Follow (Live Like Jesus) • *Philippians 2:5* (Supporting: *Philippians 2:1-8*)

Today's Key Question: How can we live like Jesus?

Today's Bottom Line: Live like Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.*
Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)

1. Bible Story Extension

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 -OR- have the kid keep rolling until they roll a number not called.

Review Questions:

2. What book of the Bible did our story come from today? *A. Philippians (Answer) B. Colossians*
 3. Where was Paul when he wrote the letter to the Philippians? *A. On the road to Damascus B. In prison (Answer)*
 4. Why did Paul write a letter to the Philippians? *A. He wanted to tell them about some of his favorite vacation spots. B. To help them and us know how to live like Jesus. (Answer)*
 5. True or False: When *Philippians 2:5* says, "As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did." It means we should think as Jesus would think and do what Jesus would do! *A. True (Answer) B. False*
 6. What does it mean that Jesus humbled Himself? *A. He did whatever was best for HIM B. He put everyone ahead of Himself. Jesus gave up His own life to take the consequences of our sin. (Answer)*
 7. True or False: Sin breaks our relationship with God. *A. True (Answer) B. False*
 8. What is the first step to living and loving like Jesus? *A. Trying to do all the "right" things. B. Choose Jesus! Decide that you want to follow Him. (Answer)*
 9. True or False: We won't snap our fingers and become like Jesus. Following Jesus is a process. *A. True (Answer) B. False*
 10. True or False: The second step to living and loving like Jesus is getting to know Him by reading the Bible, praying, and having conversations about Jesus with friends or trusted adults. *A. True (Answer) B. False*
 11. True or False: WWJD stands for "What Would Jesus Do." *A. True (Answer) B. False*
 12. What's today's Bottom Line? *A. Jesus will be my friend forever. B. Live like Jesus. (Answer)*
- Share with the kids that they will discover how to love like Jesus all summer. When they learn about the ways Jesus showed love to people, it can send them to go out and treat people the same way He did!

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Coffee filter (one per kid), plastic tablecloth (one per group), prepared spray bottle filled with water, permanent markers (one per kid), washable markers

What You Do:

- Place the plastic tablecloth on your space.
- Give each kid a coffee filter
- Tell them to draw a cross in the center of the coffee filter with a permanent marker.
- Set out the washable markers.
- Instruct the kids to write the names of everyone in their group on the coffee filter with a primary color washable marker.
 - *NOTE: Make sure the kids use various colors.*
- Once all the kids have written the names on the filter, lay the filter flat on the tablecloth.
- Pass the spray bottle around the circle.
- Invite each kid to spray water on the filter a few times.
- Point out the beautiful colors as they spread.
- Share that just like the beautiful transformation of the coffee filter with the water, the more they get to know Jesus, the more He beautifully transforms them to live like Him!
- Say, "It was amazing to see how your names began to blend and turn into beautiful art. When we stay connected to Jesus, it changes everything! It helps us think and act like He would."
- Throw the tablecloth in the garbage.
- Ask the following questions for discussion:
 - How did Jesus set an example for how we should live?
 - What kinds of things did Jesus go through when He lived here on Earth? (*He faced challenges, temptations, and hard decisions, just like we do.*)
 - How does learning more about Jesus change how we live?

3. Discussion Questions

- How did Jesus live His life?
- How can we live like Jesus?
- Is it challenging to live like Jesus? Why or why not?
- Who encourages you to live like Jesus?
- What is one way you can live like Jesus this week?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: “Flying Verse” Activity Page (2 sets per group, shuffled), Bibles

What You Do:

- Designate two finish lines and place a set of “Flying Verse” Activity Pages at each.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Designate two starting lines for each team across from the finish lines.
- Direct each team to line up on a starting line.
- Give each team a Bible (*if time-if not, just review the verse together*)
- Instruct the teams to look up Philippians 2:5 in the Bible.
- Explain that the words from Philippians 2:5 are on the pages at each team’s finish line.
- Explain that the first kid on each team will run to their set of pages at your signal.
- Instruct the first kid to look through the stack of pages to find the first part of Philippians 2:5.
- Once they find it, direct the kids to quickly return to their team and place the page on the floor.
- The next kid in line will go and repeat the process with the second part of the verse.
- Direct the teams to continue in this way until they have found and placed all the pages from the Memory Verse in order.
- The first team to do this is the winning team!
- *NOTE: If each team has fewer than ten kids, instruct a few kids to take another turn retrieving a piece of the verse until all of the pages are collected.*
- **Ask:**
 - What is one way you can think and act as Jesus did?

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 giving us Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to live. Help us listen to the directions You give us so we can live, love, and make a difference in the world around us—like Jesus did! Thank You for always guiding us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- If there is still time, pass out the Parent 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 Alley Cash.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the coffee filter and share how they can make the world a beautiful place when they **live like Jesus**.