

ALLEY SG July 12 - 13, 2025

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

1. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: “Bingo Card” (one per kid), “Bingo Questions” (one per group), pens, bingo chips

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together in your group area.
- Give each kid a “Bingo Card” Activity Page.
- Review the Bible Story by reading questions from the “Bingo Questions” Activity Page.
- After each question, instruct the kids to write the answer in any blank space on their bingo card.
 - Fill in the last 8 spaces with the numbers 1-8.
- Give each kid 25 bingo chips.
- Explain how to play Bingo:
 - The goal is to cover five spaces in a row—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
 - Once a kid has covered five spaces in a row, they must call out, “Bingo!”
- Begin the game by calling out:
 - numbers (1-8)
 - the symbols that are printed on the page (tent, sun, prayer hands, and a backpack),
 - answers from the Bible Story review
- Instruct the kids to use the markers to cover the spaces as they are called.
- If a kid calls “Bingo!” pause the game to check their card. Ensure the answers reflect what you called.
- The winner is the first kid to correctly cover five spaces in a row.
- Celebrate the winner and play again if time allows!
- Share with kids that, like Peter’s friends and all the early Jesus followers, we are called to pray for each other anytime, anywhere, about anything.
- Encourage the kids to remember that when they pray, God is listening!

2. Discussion Questions

- Why is it important to pray?
- Why should we pray for others?
- Who can you pray for this week?
- Think of a time someone prayed for you. How did it make you feel?

3. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: “Prayer Journal” Activity Page (One per kid), “Prayer Journal Steps” Page (1 per group), pens, scissors, markers, Bibles

What You Do:

- Gather your group together in a circle and give each kid a Bible.
- Direct the kids to look up this month’s Memory Verse, Romans 15:5.
- Say the verse aloud several times.
- Give each kid a “Prayer Journal” Activity Page, a pair of scissors, and a pen.
- Set the markers in the center of the group.
- Share with kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything! God is always ready to listen to them.
- Tell the kids that the journal is about prayer. It will help them remember why prayer is important and give them space to pray for others!
- Use the “Prayer Journal Steps” Activity Page to walk the kids through the folding steps.
- Instruct the kids to write their names on the cover page of the journal.
- Divide the kids into groups of two or three OR do this as a whole group.
- Direct the groups to turn to page “1,” titled “Why pray?” and read the verses together.
- Instruct the kids to use the coloring supplies to decorate page “1” and answer the question:
- Who has prayed for you before? (*Maybe a Small Group Leader, a parent, a friend, or a family member.*)
- After a few minutes, instruct the kids to look at page “2” titled, “Who can I pray for?”
- Invite the kids to discuss who they can pray for this week.
- Encourage the kids to think about what that person might need prayer for.
- Give the kids a few minutes to decorate page “2.”
- As time allows, invite the kids to continue decorating and completing their journals.
- Encourage the kids to continue using their prayer journals at home to pray for others!

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 loving us more than we could ever imagine! Thank You for always listening to our prayers when we worship, when we speak to You, and when we write or doodle to You too. The fact that You can listen to all of our prayers at the same time reminds me just how amazing You truly are. As we head into a new week, please guide us through Your Spirit to live like Jesus in the world around us. Help us to be bold and **pray for one another** this week. Thank You for letting us be a part of Your big story! 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 share someone they are going to pray for this week.