

# ALLEY SG – July 19-20, 2025

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

## 1. Take a Snapshot

**What You Need:** Heart Cut Outs (1 per kid) , pens or markers

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a blank heart cutout and a pen or marker.
- Invite the kids to think about ways to care for people in their community, family, or other areas of their lives.
- Direct them to write their ideas on their heart cutout.
- Encourage the kids to be thoughtful and specific with their ideas.
- If the kids need help getting started, suggest the following:
  - Write an encouraging note to a friend who is going through a hard time.
  - Help my grown up with folding the clothes.
  - Invite a new kid at school to sit with me at lunch.
  - Donate old toys to younger kids who don't have any.
- Give the kids enough time to think and write their responses on their heart cutouts.
- Once everyone is finished, invite the kids to share one or more of their ideas aloud.
- Share with kids that this shows us how many different ways there are to care for those around us. And there are even more!
- Encourage the kids to ask God to help them see how they can care for the people in their path.
- Discuss with the kids how small acts of care and kindness can make a big difference in the lives of others.

## 2. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Dice (2 per group)

**What You Do:**

- Have the kids take turns rolling both dice. (If you are in a big group, call a kid up to roll each round)
- 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.

### **Bible Review Questions:**

2.What did the apostle Paul say we should do for one another in his letter to the Colossians?

*(Answer: "Carry one another's heavy loads.")*

3.What did Paul say would happen if we carry one another's heavy loads?

*(Answer: We will fulfill the law of Christ.)*

4.What happened to the man walking from Jerusalem to Jericho in the Parable Jesus told?

*(Answer: He was attacked by robbers, beaten, and left half-dead.)*

5.Who was the first person to pass by the injured man in Jesus' story?

*(Answer: A priest.)*

6.What did the priest do when he saw the injured man?

*(Answer: He passed by on the other side of the road.)*

7.Who was the second person to pass by the injured man in Jesus' story?

*(Answer: A Levite, or worship leader.)*

8.What did the Samaritan man do when he saw the injured traveler?

*(Answer: He bandaged his wounds, treated them with oil and wine, put him on his donkey, and took him to an inn to care for him.)*

9.What lesson did Jesus teach the law expert at the end of the story?

*(Answer: To be a neighbor to others by showing love and care to everyone, like the Samaritan did.)*

10.What did Jesus remind us about caring for others?

*(Answer: That we can care for people who are different from us.)*

11.How can you show someone you care this week?

12.How has someone shown you they care for you?

### 3. Discussion Questions

- How can you show someone you care?
- Have you ever been like the Good Samaritan and helped someone in need? What did you do, and how did it feel?
- How does Jesus care for us?
- What are some simple ways you could help a friend or family member?

### 3. Memory Verse Motions

**What You Need:** no supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Review the memory verse, *“Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had.”* Romans 15:5
- Divide kids into teams of 3-4 kids or keep the whole group together.
- Have kids come up with motions to the words of the verse.
- Assign smaller groups sections of the verse or come up with motions as a whole group,
- Practice the motions to the verse to help memorize it.

### 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 Your Son, Jesus! Help us to **care for one another** just like Jesus shows us how to. We ask that Your Holy Spirit would help us see the needs of those around us and be a reflection of Your love to everyone we encounter this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to name a way they will show someone they care this week.