

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.