

ALLEY SG August 16 - 17, 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: “Unlikely Heroes” Cards (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Mix together the cards and hand them out in no particular order.
 - If you have fewer than 10 kids, it's okay if some kids have more than one card.
- Tell kids to look at their card but not to let other kids see what it says.
- Explain the activity:
 - Each kid is to take a turn reading the story statement at the top of their card, which describes something that happened in today's Bible Story.
 - When each kid reads the card out loud to the group, they are to read the statement using the “secret superpower” described at the bottom of their card.
 - The rest of the kids will try to guess their unusual “superpower.”
- Ask:
 - Why would it have been a challenge for Abram and Sarai to trust God's plan and promise?
 - What does it teach you about who God is that He stayed faithful to His promises even when Abram and Sarai made bad choices?
 - What is something you learned about God's character from the Bible Story?
 - What does it look like for a kid your age to trust God in a situation that might require you to wait a long time?
 - What can we take from Abraham and Sarah's story to encourage us to trust God?
- Encourage kids to share their own stories or the stories of someone they know who trusted God in a situation that took a long time to work out. Discuss why these stories help us have faith too.

2. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to share thoughts about today's Bible Story in a game called “Read My Mind.”
- Explain how to play “Read My Mind.”
 - Two kids will be given a sentence starter related to the Bible Story.
 - Instead of finishing the sentence separately, they will try to say the same thing at the same time as if they were speaking in one voice.
- Choose two kids to go first.
- Read a sentence starter aloud (see below for suggestions).
- Encourage the kids to watch each other's mouths and speak slowly to match words.
- After they finish, discuss what they said and allow others to share their own thoughts.
- Rotate the kids so every kid has at least one turn.

Suggested Starters

- Something that stood out to me in today's Bible Story was . . .
- I think the story of Abram is important because . . .
- God's plans for us . . .
- I wonder if Sarai . . .
- Abram had faith when . . .
- I think it would have been hard for Abram to . . .
- I think trusting God means...
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3. Discussion Questions

- What does it look like to trust God in your everyday life?
- Think about a person you really trust. What makes them trustworthy?
- Now, think about God. What do you believe about God that makes Him even more trustworthy than the most reliable person you know?
 - *(Examples: God always keeps His promises, God knows everything, God loves me no matter what.)*
- Why is it still possible to trust God even when things don't go as expected?
 - *(Point kids to the idea that God has a plan, and God sees things we can't see yet!)*
- Faith means trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see. What's something you can see in your life that reminds you to trust God?

4. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: "Proverbs 3:5" Activity Page (1 per group), 2 Whiteboards, Dry-Erase Markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible.
- Instruct kids to look up Proverbs 3:5.
- Invite kids to share their thoughts about the meaning of Proverbs 3:5. Ask:
 - What does this verse say about trusting God?
 - The word "heart," in this verse means more than feelings. What do you think it means to *"trust in the LORD with all your heart"*?
- Divide kids into 2 teams
- Direct the teams to spread out.
- Give each team a small whiteboard and dry erase marker.
- Explain the game:
 - You will ask a question about the verse from the "Proverbs 3:5" Activity Page.
 - One kid from each team will write the answer on the whiteboard.
 - You will check each team's answer.
 - Teams that answer correctly gets 10 points.
 - The team with the most points at the end wins!

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)*”
- “God, thank You for being with us in every minute of our lives! Sometimes, we don’t understand why some things happen. When we’re worried or unsure, please remind us that You are good and that nothing can stop Your good plan to make everything right in the end. Please help us trust in You and in Your promise to make everything right in the end because You have never, ever broken a promise. Help us to have faith and trust in You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite kids to say something they learned about God today.