

ALLEY SG August 23 - 24, 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: blank Paper, Markers or pens, “Knuckle Drawing” cards (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Set out 10 pages of paper and three markers (or pens).
- Explain and demonstrate how to play “Knuckle Draw”:
 - Choose a kid to go first.
 - You will show him/her a card without letting others see it.
 - The kid will hold all three markers (or pens) between the fingers of one hand. (see picture)
 - The goal is for the kids to write the bolded word from the card while holding the markers in this way.
 - The rest of the kids will try to guess the word.
 - After they guess the word, read the sentence on the card and let kids share what they remember about that part of the Bible Story.
- Switch kids and use a new card for the next round.
- Continue until everyone has had a turn writing and all 10 cards have been used.
- Ask:
 - How does Jacob’s story show us that we can trust God no matter what?
 - How did God remind Jacob that He was with him?
 - How does God let us know He’s with us today?
 - When you feel alone or are facing something tough, what helps you remember God is with you?
- Share with kids that Jacob wasn’t perfect. He made mistakes, but God never left him!
- Encourage them that no matter what happens or what we do, God is always with us. We can trust God because of who God is and what He has done! He is good and He has always been good.



2. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, Dice (3 per group), Markers, Paper

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into 2-3 teams.
- Give each team a Bible.
- Direct them to look up Hebrews 11:1.
- Ask the following questions one by one and direct the groups to discuss.
 - According to Hebrews 11:1, what does it mean to have faith?
 - Why can we trust that God is always with us?
 - When have you had to trust God, even when you couldn’t see the outcome?
- Give each team a die, a piece of paper, and markers.
- Explain the game:
 - Each kid will take turns rolling the die.
 - The number they roll is the number of words they must recite and write down from Hebrews 11:1.
 - Each team will take turns in this way until they recite and correctly write the entire verse.
 - The first team to complete the verse wins.
- Check the team’s papers before announcing a winner.
- Repeat at least two rounds.

3. Discussion Questions

- What helps you remember that God is with you?
- Would Jacob be someone you would trust all the time? Why or why not?
 - And yet Jacob *is* part of God's plan. How does that encourage you to trust God, knowing that even when you mess up, God still loves you and is working toward His good plan?
- Abraham and Jacob were part of God's Big Story. What about us? How do we fit into God's plan today? *(God invites us into a relationship with Him through Jesus! When we choose to follow Jesus and share His love with others, we are a part of God's Story!)*
- What does Jacob's story tell us about God's character and His love for us?

4. Make It Personal with Prayer

What You Need: Index cards (one per kid), Pens or Pencils

What You Do:

- Give each kid an index card and a pen (or pencil).
- Encourage the kids to write the first letter of their first name on one side and the first letter of their last name on the back.
- Using one of their initials, invite the kids to write a word that describes God.
 - For example, if their first initial is "T," they might say "trustworthy!" Or, if their first initial is "S," they might say "strong!"
- Use the other initial to write a place they might go this week.
 - For example, if their last name begins with a "D," they might say the doctor's.
- Challenge the kids to write a sentence that includes the two words that they wrote.
 - For example, "God is _____, and He is with me at _____."
- Encourage the kids that wherever they go this week, God is with them.
- Encourage the kids to use what they wrote to create a prayer praising God for who He is and thanking Him for always being with them!
- Invite those who are willing to pray out loud.

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 so much! You promised that You are with us, please teach us how to trust that You are with us every second of our lives. Lord, we want to trust You with everything, so teach us how to connect with You over everything we face in our lives. 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 tell their parents how they know God is with them today!