

# ALLEY SG – August 9- 10, 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:** Paper (one per kid), Pens

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a sheet of paper and a pen.
- Ask the kids to write or draw a situation when it would be hard for them to trust God.
- To get the kids started, share an example:
  - *"A friend stops talking to you and starts hanging out with another group of kids. You don't know why, and it hurts. It could feel hard to trust that God has a good plan when you feel left out and alone."*
- Encourage kids to share (if comfortable) why the situation they chose would be challenging.
- Explain the Folding Challenge:
  - Ask kids to estimate how many times they can fold their paper in half before they can no longer fold it.
  - Instruct the kids to write their guesses on the back of the piece of paper.
  - Each kid is to fold their paper one fold at a time, counting each one. (Most will reach a max of seven folds.)
- Celebrate the closest guessers and every kid's participation!
- Discuss:
  - How might tough times shake our trust in God?
  - What can we do when we don't understand why something is happening?
  - How does trusting God help us grow stronger like the folded paper?
- Encourage the kids:
  - *To take the folded paper home as a reminder that even when things don't make sense, God is with you!*
  - *Just like the paper got tougher, your faith grows stronger when you trust God!*
  - *Remember, God is good and He is still at work! When things are confusing, trust God one step at a time.*
  - *Pray—share your feelings with God and ask God to help you have faith!*
  - *Read the Bible and remember who God is and what God has done!*

## 2. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Bible, Styrofoam Plates (one per kid), Toothpicks (one per kid), Markers

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a toothpick and a Styrofoam plate.
- Instruct the kids to gently use the toothpicks to poke holes in the plate to outline something from today's Bible Story (but not an ark or rainbow).
- Encourage the kids to keep what they're outlining a secret!
- Once they've finished, invite the kids to exchange plates.
- Give each kid a marker.

- Challenge the kids to “connect the dots” to guess the picture.
- *NOTE: In some cases, the kids may not guess closely what the original kid was creating, and that’s okay!*
- Direct each kid to reveal their original intention for their drawing.
- Discuss how Noah trusted and obeyed God without seeing the full picture! Because Noah trusted God without seeing the full picture, he had to trust God each step of the way. He obeyed God and built an ark, even though he’d never built one. Noah got ready for it to rain for days and days because he trusted God when God said it would.
- Ask:
  - Why do you think it could’ve been hard for Noah to understand what God was doing?
- Encourage kids to share situations they might face this week, situations that they don’t understand or are confusing.
- Encourage the kids:
  - *God is good and He is working for good in that situation. He loves you so much!*
  - *Even when you don’t understand, God is with you, and He will go through whatever you’re facing with you.*
  - *The same God who was with Noah, the God who is King over all things, is with you too!*

### 3. Discussion Questions

- When is it hard to trust God?
- How can Noah’s story remind you of God’s rescue plan for us through Jesus?
- What helps you trust God when things feel confusing?
- How do you know God takes care of you? How does that help you trust that God will provide for you again tomorrow?

### 4. Verses to Take with You

**What You Need:** Bibles, “Origami Boat” Activity Page (one per kid), origami instructions page (8 per group), pens

#### **What You Do:**

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Discuss Hebrews 11:1.
  - What does this verse tell us about faith?
  - When have you had to trust God without knowing how things would turn out?
  - How does this verse help you trust God more?
- Give each kid a pen and a triangle from the “Origami Boat” Activity Page.
- Give each kid the “Origami Instructions” Page and walk them through the folding process.
- **(Note: Keep the instruction page for next service)**
  - If a kid is struggling, encourage them to work with another kid.
  - Explain each step one at a time, waiting for each kid to finish before explaining the next step.
- Once everyone’s finished, encourage them to write “Hebrews 11:1” on the origami boat.

- Encourage the kids to use their boat as a Bible bookmark for Hebrews 11:1.
- Share with the kids:
  - *Noah had faith and obeyed God even before he saw the flood.*
  - *Faith is trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.*
  - *God is good, He is always working for good, so we can trust God no matter what!*

## 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 all of us! You made a way for us to live with You forever through Your Son, Jesus. When we've made bad choices, help us remember we can trust You no matter what! Help us be reminded of Your goodness when we see the things You've made—including us! Help us remember that You love us so very much. We want to live in Your love for us. We love You, God. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**PARENT PICK-UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to share something they learned today.

