

# ALLEY SG – September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** Rahab / The Promised Land • *Joshua 2* (supporting: *Joshua 6:22-25*)

**Conversation Starter:** How can you show someone you care?

**Bottom Line:** God can give you courage to help someone in need.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.* Psalm 56:3 (NIV)

## 1. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Bowl, and “Five Words” Activity Page

### What You Do:

- Before you begin, place the ten cards from the “Five Words” Activity Page in the bowl.
- Explain how to play:
  - Each kid will draw a card with a word from today’s Bible Story (such as a person, place, or object).
  - On their turn, they’ll tell the group **five things** about that word (words that describe a person, or what color something is, what it does, what it’s near, what it’s made of, or who used it).
  - For example, if the word is “Rahab,” someone might say, “Brave, woman, Jericho . . .”
  - Give the kids a chance to try and come up with their own five words before offering help.
  - Encourage the rest of the kids to guess what the word from the Bible Story is from the kid’s five things.
  - Once a card is guessed correctly, ask: “How does this word relate to today’s Bible Story?”
- Continue until all the cards have been guessed.
- Tell the kids that Rahab took a huge risk helping the spies. Even though she wasn’t a member of God’s family like the two spies, she chose to trust God, and God gave her courage!
- Explain that when they choose to be brave and help someone else (maybe a kid getting picked on or someone who sits alone at lunch), others can see God’s love and kindness at work!

## 2. Take a Snapshot

**What You Need:** Index cards, pens

### What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of three. It’s okay if there’s a group of two.
- Give each group six index cards and one pen.
- Explain how to play:
  - “We’re going to look for real ways to live for God by being brave and helping others.”
  - “I’m going to read a scenario where someone needs help. You’ll have 60 seconds to come up with a way to help, and one of you will draw it with your eyes closed!”

- After reading each scenario (from the “Help Scenarios” listed below), use your phone to set a timer for 60 seconds. The groups must quickly discuss it and choose one person to draw their response with their eyes closed.
- Before reading the next scenario, invite groups to share their solutions and drawings!
  - *NOTE: This game is fun, fast, and not a drawing contest. Have fun with it and make sure there isn't any pressure on how kids draw!*
- Continue until all the scenarios have been drawn.
- Explain to the kids that they don't have to be brave alone. God is always with them. And when someone chooses to follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to help them! The Holy Spirit will nudge them throughout the day, sharing ways to be kind like He is, and then He'll give them the strength and courage to do it!
- Encourage kids to pray to God and ask Him to help them be brave and show love to someone who needs help.

#### **Help Scenarios:**

- A kid in your class is getting picked on at recess by another group of kids.
- You hear a rumor being shared about someone, and you know it's not true.
- A new kid at church or school doesn't know anyone and sits by themselves.
- You notice your teacher seems overwhelmed.
- Someone in your friend group gets left out of a game.
- Your sibling (or cousin) is really scared about something.

### **3. Discussion Questions**

- When has someone helped you?
- If you were in Rahab's shoes, what would you have done?
- Why do you think Rahab was willing to help the spies, even though it was dangerous?
- What are some truths about God you can remember that can help you when you're scared to help?
- What does this moment show us about who God is and what He can do through unlikely people?

### **4. Verses to Take with You**

**What You Need:** Bibles, “Verse Letters” sets (1 for every 3 kids), straws (one per kid), bowls (three per group), and floor tape

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

- Divide the kids into teams of 3-5. If you have a smaller group, adjust the game.
- For each team, put a set of verse letters in a bowl.

- If time:
  - Give each team a Bible.
  - If time, lead each team to find Psalm 56:3.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Give every kid one straw.
- Tape off a start line for each team.
- Instruct each team to line up behind their team's start line.
- Place the bowls several feet away from the starting line, one bowl across from each team.
- Explain and demonstrate how to play:
  - “Are you ready for a challenge? One at a time, you'll race down to your team's bowl and use your straw to suck up one letter, bring it back to your team, and then the next person goes. Once all the letters are collected, your team is to work together to put them in the order of Psalm 56:3. First team to spell the verse correctly wins!”
- Continue playing until both teams have successfully placed the verse letters in order.
- **Ask:**
  - What words stick out to you in Psalm 56:3?
  - How could remembering this verse help you this week?

## 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 always being with us through Your Holy Spirit. Give us the courage to be kind like You are. Help us in the situations we've shared in this chain. Teach us to listen to Your Spirit so we can be courageous and kind as we go through our day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to say how they can show someone they care about this week.

