

# ALLEY SG – February 21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and a Suffering Woman • *Mark 5:21-43*

**Conversation Starter:** How can you show love to others?

**Monthly Memory Verse:** “*I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you.*” • *John 13:34 NIV*

## 1. Take a Snapshot

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** “Love Game” Activity Page (one per kid), “Love Game Folding Instructions” Activity Page (a few per group), Scissors, markers

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a “Love Game” Activity Page and a pair of scissors.
- Guide them through the process of cutting it, coloring it, and folding it using the “Love Game Folding Instructions” Activity Page.
- Once it's folded, encourage the kids to look at the different sections.
- Let them play with the cootie catchers with a partner. One person picks a letter, spells it out while opening and closing the cootie catcher, picks a number, counts it out, and then reads the message of love inside.
- **Say:** “These are fun, but they're also packed with truth! All of these messages point us back to the love of Jesus. In our story, Jesus didn't just feel sorry for the people in need; He did something about it. He stepped in and showed love in a powerful way.”

## 2. Bible Story Extension

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** Large paper and marker (one per group)

**What You Do:**

- Draw a Venn diagram (two large overlapping circles) on the board. Label one circle “Jairus's Daughter” and the other “The Sick Woman.”
- Ask the group to help you fill in the diagram by comparing and contrasting the two people Jesus helped in the story.
  - **Jairus's Daughter circle:** young, had an important father, people were mourning for her, Jesus took her by the hand
  - **The Sick Woman circle:** had been sick for 12 years, had no money left, was an outcast, reached out to Jesus in secret
  - **Overlapping section:** Both were in great need, both were healed by Jesus' power, both had someone who had faith (Jairus and the sick woman herself)
- After filling out the diagram, discuss the following questions:
  - Why do you think Jesus stopped to talk to the woman, even though He was in a hurry to get to Jairus's house?

- What does this story teach you about how Jesus sees people who are hurting or in need?
- What can we learn from Jesus' example about how we should treat people?

### 3. Discussion Questions

- Jesus stopped to help the woman even though He was already on His way to heal Jairus' daughter. What does that tell you about what's important to Jesus—and how can that change the way you think about interruptions in your own life?
- The woman who touched Jesus' clothes had been suffering for 12 years. Why do you think Jesus wanted her to come forward and tell her story instead of just letting her be healed in secret?
- When people told Jairus his daughter was dead, Jesus said, "*Don't be afraid. Just believe*" (*Mark 5:36 NIV*). What do you think it means to "just believe" when everything feels hopeless or scary?
- Both the woman and Jairus had to push through fear and take a step of faith to reach Jesus. Can you think of a time when you needed to show faith or courage to ask God for help—or to help someone else?
- Jesus made time for people in need, even when others thought it was too late or too small. How can you make time in your own day to notice people who might need love, encouragement, or help?

### 4. Verses to Take with You

#### Memory Verse Activity

**What You Need:** Bibles, "Paper Airplane Instructions" Activity Page (a few per group), Paper - two colors (4 sheets of each color per team/kid), Pens

#### What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up John 13:34
- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Give one team four sheets of one color of paper, and the other four sheets of a different color.
- Instruct the teams to write part of the Memory Verse on each piece of paper. (Make sure both teams create four pieces of paper with each of the following written on a paper.)
  - I give you a new command
  - Love one another.
  - You must love one another,
  - just as I have loved you. —John 13:34
- Set out the "Paper Airplane Instructions" Activity Page and instruct the kids to fold the four pieces of paper into a paper airplane following the instruction sheet.
- Instruct the two teams to stand on opposite sides of the room holding their four paper airplanes.
- Try to make sure every kid on each team has at least one paper airplane.

- On “Go,” encourage everyone to launch their team’s paper airplanes toward the other side.
- Once all the planes have been flown, kids on each team are to collect the planes that landed on their side.
- Encourage kids to work together as a team to unfold the planes and put the Memory Verse in the correct order.
- The first team to assemble the verse 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*)
- “Dear God, thank You for being so loving and kind. Thank You for healing the people in our story and for always being ready to help us when we are in need. Please be with the people we prayed for today. Show them Your love. Help us to be like Jesus and show Your love to everyone we meet. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back to the Alley for 3 Alley Cash!

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive, ask the kids to tell them one way they can show the love of Jesus to someone in need.