

# ALLEY SG – January 17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** The Wise and Foolish Builders • *Matthew 7:24-27 (Supporting: John 10:27-28)*

**Conversation Starter:** How can you hear from God?

**Bottom Line:** Practice hearing from God.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* • 1 Timothy 4:8 Nlrv

## 1. Bible Story Extension

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** Craft sticks, Markers

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid 2-3 craft sticks and a marker.
- Challenge the kids to think of what it means to be a wise builder, and write each thing on a craft stick (go to church and do what you hear, read the Bible and live out what you read, listen to godly people and take their advice, listen to the Holy Spirit when He guides you throughout your day).
- Use all the sticks from the group to build the outline of a house.
- **Say:** “Jesus’ point was clear. It’s not enough to hear what God says—we have to also put it into practice. We have to build our lives on a firm foundation. The main way we do that is to **[Bottom Line] practice hearing from God** by reading the Bible, by listening to people who love Jesus, by hearing the Holy Spirit as He guides us, and then actually doing what we hear.”

## 2. Take a Snapshot

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** Bible

**What You Do:**

- Explain to the kids to listen closely as you read a verse or verses from the Bible.
- As you read the verses from the Bible, encourage the kids to make a motion or movement that relates to the verse. (e.g. “God so loved the world” could be heart hands or making the world with their hands in a circle above their head.)
- Read the verses one at a time and give the kids time to think and move.
  - John 3:16
  - Philippians 4:6
  - Psalm 119:105
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- **Say:** “One of the ways we can hear from God is through the Bible! The Bible teaches us who God is and how to live like Jesus.”

### 3. Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Jesus compared hearing His words and doing them to building a house on rock? And not doing them to building a house on sand?
- What are some things that can make it hard to hear from God in your everyday life?
- What are some ways you can slow down and make time to listen for God's voice?
- What are some ways you hear from God?
- When have you felt like God helped you make a wise choice or encouraged you through someone else?
- How can reading the Bible, talking with people who love Jesus, or listening to the Holy Spirit and doing what you hear help you build a strong foundation like the wise man?

### 3. Verses to Take with You

*Memory Verse Activity*

**What You Need:** Bibles, Blank bookmarks, Coloring supplies, Stickers

#### What You Do:

- Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.* • 1 Timothy 4:8 NIRV Repeat the verse together several times.
- Give each kid a bookmark.
- Make the coloring supplies and stickers available.
- Tell the kids they are going to make a special bookmark to use in their Bibles at home.
- Encourage them to decorate their bookmark however they would like.
- While they work, say this month's Memory Verse together a few times.
- When they are done decorating, help them punch a hole at the top of their bookmark and tie a piece of yarn or ribbon through it.

### 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 that You speak to us in so many ways—You want us to build our lives on a firm foundation. Help us not just to be hearers of what You say, but doers. Help us make the wise choice to listen and obey You this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive, ask the kids to tell them one thing they can do to be wise.