

ALLEY SG – April 18th- 19th, 2026

Bible Story: Great Commission and Ascension • *Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-11*

Conversation Starter: What does it mean to you that God is with you?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4 (NirV)

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, “Bible Story Pictures” Activity Page (6 sets per bin in baggies)

What You Do:

- Read Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:4-11 out loud to the group. Explain that these are two separate, but very important events!
- Pair kids up and have them sit facing the same direction—one behind the other. Give each set a bag of the Bible story pictures.
- Have the kid in the back take a card from the “Bible Story Pictures” Activity Page. Tell them to study the picture quietly.
- Then instruct them to use their finger to “draw” the picture on their partner’s back, without saying what the picture is.
- Give examples like:
 - “Draw a tall shape with a point at the top.”
 - “Make a circle, then draw smaller circles inside it.
- The front partner tries to guess what part of the Bible Story the drawing represents.
- After a minute, let them turn around, compare the card with what they guessed, and explain what that picture represents in the story.
- Then have partners switch roles and repeat with a new picture from the bag.
- **Say:”** The disciples couldn’t see Jesus anymore after He went to heaven, but they still trusted His promise—that He would always be with them. Even though we can’t see Him with our eyes, Jesus is guiding us every day through His Word and His Spirit. He will help us to know what to say or do when we are sharing God’s great love with others!”

2. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Whiteboard, dry-erase marker, and dry-erase eraser

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Philippians 4:4.
- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Write the memory verse on the whiteboard.

- Read the Memory Verse together as a group that you've written on the whiteboard: *"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4"*
- Ask a volunteer to come up and erase one word (or two).
- Read the verse together again, filling in the missing word from memory.
- Invite another student to erase another word.
- Continue until the board is blank, and the group is saying the entire verse from memory

3. Discussion Questions

- If you had been standing on the mountain listening to Jesus give His instructions about sharing His love with the world, what would you have felt? Excited? overwhelmed? scared?
- Why do you think Jesus wants His followers to tell every nation about Him—not just one group of people?
- What part of Jesus' mission feels the hardest for you?
- What do you think it means that the Holy Spirit gives us "power"?
- Since the Holy Spirit is with you and speaking to you, what do you think it feels like or sounds like when He is guiding you to share the good news about Jesus?
- What is ONE way you can share Jesus this week—through kindness, honesty, forgiveness, or words?

4. Make It Personal with Prayer

Prayer Activity

What You Need: Large piece of butcher paper, Sticky notes (1-2 pads per bin), Writing supplies

What You Do:

- Draw a large cross on the piece of butcher paper.
- Ask kids to think of one or two people they know who needs to know that God is with them. It could be a friend, a family member, or someone they know who is lonely.
- Instruct the kids to write the name of that person on a sticky note.
- Invite them to stick their note onto the posterboard cross.
- Ask kids who are willing to share who they choose and why.
- **Say:** "Look at all these people! Jesus sent us to share the good news of His great love with everyone, everywhere. Let's pray that these people will feel God's presence and love this week.
- Give kids time to pray silently for who they wrote on their sticky note(s).

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 are with us at school, at home, and everywhere we go. Please help us follow Jesus and share with everyone the truth about You and Your great love. When we do this, we can help people see how good and true and beautiful Jesus is, so they want to follow Him too. Thank You for giving us joy and being with us as we tell others about You. 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 for 3 alley cash!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask the kids to tell them someone they can share the good news of Jesus with.