

ALLEY SG – August 15th- 16th, 2026

Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • *Romans 8:28-29*

Conversation Starter: What do you need to trust God with?

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, “Story Pictures” Activity Page (one set per group), Floor tape

What You Do:

- Create a long timeline on the floor with tape.
- Place ONE piece from each of the four pictures along the timeline in the correct story order. This piece will act as the “clue.”
- Create a large, mixed-up pile of all the other picture pieces on a table or in the center of your space.
- Explain the game: “On the floor is a timeline of Moses’ life, but the pictures are incomplete. Your job is to work together to find the missing pieces from the pile and complete each picture on the timeline to build the story.”
- On “Go,” have kids look through the pile to find the pieces that match their clues on the timeline and assemble the full pictures in the correct order.
- Open the Bible and read Romans 8:28-29.
- Share the following key points:
 - These verses are part of a letter that Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus who lived in Rome.
 - Paul was sharing an important truth about God: In the life of a Jesus-follower, God works all things for good!

Say: “You may know people who have seen God work something good from the hard things they faced. You may have even experienced it yourself. Perhaps you were super-anxious about starting at a new school—but then, you made a new friend you wouldn’t have met without moving schools. Once you see where God has worked in your life before, you can trust that He will continue to be at work when you face something new.

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Smooth, flat rocks (one per kid), washable paint markers, Paper plates (one per kid), wipes (one container per bin)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a rock and a paper plate.

- Ask them to think about the story of Moses. Ask: “What were some of the hard things that happened in Moses’ life?” (*He was born when the king was being cruel; he had to run away after he did something wrong; he lived in the desert for a long time.*)
- Ask: “Did God use those hard things for good?” (*Yes! God used them to prepare Moses to lead His people.*)
- Instruct the kids to paint their rocks. You can suggest they paint one side a dark color to represent something hard, and the other side bright, happy colors to remember that God can bring something good from it. Or they can paint a symbol of hope—like a cross, a sun, or a rainbow.
- Allow the rocks to dry while you talk.
- Tell the kids to take this rock home and put it somewhere they can see it. When they feel sad or face something hard, let it remind you that God is with you, and He is working for good.

3. Discussion Questions

- When something hard happens, why is it difficult to believe that God could bring anything good out of it?
- Looking at Moses or Paul, how did their hardest moments actually prepare them for something bigger later on?
- If God’s goal is to make us more like Jesus, how could struggles or challenges help shape things like your character, choices, or faith?
- When you can’t see any “good” in a situation yet, what does trusting God actually look like in real life?
- **What do you need to trust God with?**

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Index cards, Painter’s tape

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Psalm 139:14.
- Create two sets of playing cards by writing each word or phrase of the Memory Verse on index cards.
- Place a loop of tape on the back of each card.
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Divide the group into two teams and have them form lines on one side of the room.
- Give each team their shuffled set of verse cards.
- Explain the rules: “This is a relay race to build our Memory Verse on the wall. The first person in line will take their word of the verse, run to the wall, and stick it on where they think it goes. Then they’ll run back and tag the next person, who will run and place their word on the wall where they think it goes in the verse, and so on. Once all the cards are on the wall, each team will send one teammate to the wall to rearrange any words of the verse.”
- The first team to get the whole Memory Verse on the wall in the correct order wins!
- The verse to assemble: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIV).*

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 in all things. Thank You that even when things are hard or don't make sense, You are still working for something good. Please take all the messy pieces of our lives and use them to make something beautiful, just like You did with Moses. Help us to trust 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 a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, remind them that God made them each unique and special!