ALLEY SG – November 14th- 15th, 2026

Bible Story: Every Good Gift Is from God • James 1:17; Philippians 4:8
Conversation Starter: What can you thank God for?
Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows.* • James 1:17 NIrV

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Gratitude Vibes Gameboard" Activity Page (one per group), "Think About Cards" Activity Page (12 sets per bin), dice (a few per bin), plastic pawn pieces

What You Do:

- Say: "In today's Bible Story, we talked about having an attitude of gratitude. Negative thoughts or dwelling on the bad can lead to worry, discontent, or fear. But focusing on the good leads to gratitude, hope, and encouragement. God's Word in Philippians 4:8 gives us clear direction on how to focus on the good with some "Think about" directions:

  "Philippians 4:8 says: '*Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things.'*

  "This verse gives us a clear guide on what to think about. To make these 'Think About' phrases sticky (meaning they'll stick to our brains and become helpful), we're going to play a "Gratitude Vibes" board game where you will collect "Think About Cards" along the way."

- Explain how to play the "Gratitude Vibes" board game:
  - Place your game piece on the Start space.
  - Everyone rolls the die. The player with the highest number goes first. Play continues to the left.
  - On your turn, roll the die and move your game piece the number of spaces shown.
  - If the space you land on has directions, follow them before ending your turn.
  - If it has a picture, stay there and let the next person roll.
  - As you play, collect "Think About" cards whenever directed.
  - The first player to collect all eight "Think About" cards and reach the Finish space wins!
  - Continue playing until players have collected all "Think About" cards.

Say: "There are so many things that fit into Paul's categories of noble, right, pure, lovely, excellent, and worthy of respect and praise.

"Who has been kind to you recently?
"What is something beautiful you've seen?
"What is something good you've tasted?

“What has made you laugh?
“When have you seen someone refuse to give up?
“What’s something God made you good at?

“God deserves our gratitude—because every single good thing in our lives comes straight from Him. That is why **I can thank God for everything.** This week, when you notice something good, make a habit of thanking God right away. You can talk with Him throughout your day, as you wake up, when you eat your meals, as you listen to your teacher in class, and before bed. There’s never a wrong time to talk with God and thank Him.”

2. Gratitude Challenge

Application Activity

What You Need: “Gratitude Challenge” Activity Page (one per kid) Sheets of smiley face stickers (one row per kid (at least 6 per kid)

What You Do:

- Say: “We have been talking about being thankful for the good gifts God gives us. Today we are going to think about our good gifts.”
- Ask: “What are some good gifts you are thankful God has given you?”
- Give each child a “Gratitude Challenge” sheet. Encourage each kid to write or draw one thing on each line that they want to thank God for this week.”
- Have kids who want to share what they wrote/drew.
- Give each kid one row of smiley face stickers.
- Say: “Our challenge is to say a prayer to God each day this week for one of the good gifts he has given you. Each day pray to God and thank Him for ONE thing you wrote. After you do, put a smiley face sticker on that line. The next day pray for another then add another sticker. After 6 days of praying and thanking God your sheet will be full!”

Say: “Having a habit of gratitude helps us to focus on all of God’s good gifts! We don’t have to be at church to thank Him. Look around this week at the good gifts. Maybe it is the changing leaves, or that a friend stopped by to play. Whatever it is, thank God for it!”

3. Discussion Questions

- ***What can you thank God for?***
- James 1:17 says that every good and perfect gift is from God. What are some good things in your life right now? How can you connect those as being from God?
- It’s ok to be honest and say that sometimes we don’t *feel* like being grateful. What are things that lead to us not being grateful?
- Why do you think God gives us good gifts? What does that show us about who He is?
- What can you do this week to practice gratitude?

4. Verses to Take with You
Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Memory Motions" Activity Page (one per group)

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up James 1:17 NIrV:
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Divide kids into five groups (if you have enough kids for 5).
- Give each group a paper with part of the Scripture (if you don't have 5 groups, give groups 2 papers).
- Say: "Each group has a paper(s) with part of the Memory Verse. Your challenge is to come up with a couple of easy motions to go with your part of the verse to help us memorize it."
- Say: "After you have come up with your motions, be ready to teach them to our group!"
- Have the kids teach their motions by moving through the verse in order.
- Keep building on the part they were just taught, repeat it before learning the next motions.
- Once all the motions have been taught, repeat the verse and motions all together multiple times.

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, every good, perfect, and beautiful thing is a gift from You. We confess that sometimes it is easier to focus on the negative and overlook all the good. Holy Spirit, please help us to see the opportunities we have to say 'thank You' and give us the power to keep our eyes on the good, lovely, and pure. Thank You for life, for giving us purpose, and for Your salvation. We love You and pray for all 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 Alley Cash!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, have the kids show them their Gratitude Challenge.