ALLEY SG – November 28th- 29th, 2026

Bible Story: God's Plan to Send Jesus • John 1:1-5,14; Isaiah 7:14-15; 9:6-7; Micah 5:2
Conversation Starter: What are you hoping 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. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: "Hope Bingo Player Cards" Activity Page (one set per small group), "Hope Bingo Call Cards" Activity Page (one set per small group), Bingo chips

What You Do:

- Say: "Even before we were created, God knew that we would turn away from Him. That we would sin and choose our way instead of His. But God loves us so much that He had a plan to rescue us through sending His Son to be with us and one of us. We are going to play a bingo game called 'Hope Bingo' that will include words or phrases that refer to the promises God made in reference to His great rescue plan."
- Hand out a **"**Hope Bingo" card and bingo chips to each child.
- Review how to play Bingo:
    - Players begin by covering the FREE space with a bingo chip
    - The leader draws a Bingo call card and reads the word or phrase aloud.
    - Players look for the matching word or phrase on their Bingo card. If they have it, they cover that space with a bingo chip.
    - The first player to cover five spaces in a row—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally—calls out, "Bingo!"
    - Check the winning card to confirm it is correct, then award the winner a prize.
    - Continue playing as time allows.
    - Optional Bingo Variations:
        - Four Corners: The first player to cover all four corner spaces wins.
        - Blackout: The first player to cover every space on their Bingo card wins.

Say: "Hope Bingo included words and phrases from today's Bible Story. Each one reminds us of the hope God promised through Jesus.

"John tells us that Jesus was with God from the beginning. Isaiah tells us that the promised Savior would be Immanuel, God with us, and the Prince Who Brings Peace. Micah tells us that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. God kept every one of those promises by sending Jesus.

2. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles, "Promises of Hope Word Search" Activity Page (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Promises of Hope Word Search" and make writing supplies available.
- Say: "Hidden in this word search are names that describe God's promised One—His Son Jesus. Many of these were given hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Work to find all the hidden words in this Word Search. The words are up and down, diagonal, horizontal, and backwards. Feel free to work with a friend or ask a friend for help if you need it."
- While kids are working on the word search:
    - Invite volunteers to read the following passages aloud.
    - After each passage, pause and ask these questions: "What word or name did you hear from the word search?" "What does this passage tell us about the hope God promised?"
    - John 1:1-5, 14
    - Isaiah 7:14-15
    - Isaiah 9:6-7
    - Micah 5:2

Say, "God kept every one of those promises by sending Jesus. Jesus came to live with us as a human being. He lived a perfect life, and then He gave up His life to rescue every person who chooses Him. That is why our hope is not shaky. Our hope is Jesus. No matter what you are facing, you can trust that Jesus is with you, God is at work, and one day He will make everything right."

3. Discussion Questions

- **What are you hoping for?**
- What words or names did God give the prophets to describe His plan of hope?
- Which word or phrase that describes Jesus stands out to you the most? Why?
- Why do you think God chose to send His Son, Jesus, to become a human as part of His plan to bring us hope?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles and a ball

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to join you sitting in a circle.
- Review the 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

- Use the ball to practice the Memory Verse with your group.
- Explain that you will begin with the first word of James 1:17 and then pass the ball to another kid in the circle to repeat the second word.
- Continue this rotation until the verse is complete. Repeat the verse several times or until every kid gets a turn to say a word. Try having the kids toss the ball across as they play. ***If the kids are having trouble with the long verse, do sections of the verse at a time.***

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 that because of Jesus, we can have hope in every situation. Help us to remember the hope You have given us and to share it with others. Please show us the opportunities You put before us this week to share Your hope with others. 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 a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive remind them that **we can thank God for giving us hope.**