

Alley SG - November 2-3, 2019

Bible Story: Take a Chance on me (David and Goliath) • 1 Samuel 17

Bottom Line: Honor others by giving them a chance.

Key Question: How does it make you feel when you're overlooked?

Memory Verse: Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10 NIV)

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: Dark Tablecloth (1 per group)

What You Do:

- **Divide** the group into two teams.
- **Explain** kids will play a name game.
- If you have guests or your kids haven't been together as a group for very long, **consider** going around letting everyone say their names.
- To play:
 - **Hold up** a tablecloth between the two teams. The teams should not be able to see each other.
 - **Instruct** teams to select one kid to sit facing the tablecloth.
 - When you **lower** the tablecloth, the first kid to shout the name of the kid sitting across from him scores a point for their team.
 - The team with the most point wins.

2. Get Your Head in the Game

What You Need: Rubber bands (10 per group), craft sticks (20 per group), wrapped Starburst (1 bag per group), masking tape

What You Do:

- **Pair** kids up.
- **Create** a square or some type of target on the floor using white floor tape.
- **Give** each team a rubber band, two craft sticks, and several wrapped candies.
- **Instruct** one kid from each team to stretch the rubber band between the two craft sticks.
 - For safety, **guide** one kid to hold the stretched rubber band to the side of his or her body.
 - Using the "slingshot," their teammate will launch a candy piece toward the target.
- **Allow** kids to keep any candy that lands on the target.
- **Repeat** as time allows, letting teammates switch roles.
- **Ensure** that everyone gets a chance to shoot and a chance to hold the slingshot.

What You Say:

"Anyone have a guess as to what this activity might have to do with our story today?" (*Allow kids to guess*).

3. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: Two different colors of sticky notes (several pads per group), pens

What You Do:

- **Set** out the sticky notes.
- **Instruct** kids to use one color of sticky notes to write down some ways we might overlook someone or ways we might make someone feel unimportant.
 - These can be “on purpose” or unintentional ways.
- **Instruct** kids to use the other color of sticky notes to write down some ways we might honor someone or show someone they are valuable or important.
- **Encourage** kids to work together to group similar ideas together.
- **Review** the sticky notes.
- **Ask:**
 - How do you feel when you are overlooked?
 - How do you feel when someone values something you say or do?
 - What can you do when you think you are being overlooked? *(To prompt discussion, use one of the examples on the notes and ask kids how you could respond if this situation happened to you)*

Pro-Tip: [Make it Personal] (As you review the sticky notes, consider sharing an age-appropriate example of when you were overlooked and how you felt and/or an example of when someone valued something you did and how you felt. If there is interest, allow kids time to share specific examples, too.)

4. Discussion Questions

Ask:

- Who do we tend to overlook or ignore? *(people who are different from you or people you don't have anything in common with, quiet people, younger kids)*
- Who do we tend to honor or notice?
- What are ways we can give a chance to someone who might be overlooked?
- Encourage kids to share an example of when they were overlooked. How did you feel when you were overlooked? **[Make it Personal] (Be prepared to prompt discussion with an age appropriate example from your life.)**
- Encourage kids to share an example when they were given a chance. Be prepared to prompt discussion with an age appropriate example from your life.

5. Verse to Take with You

What You Need: Dice (8 per group), “Memory Verse Grid” Activity Page (1 per student), pens, Bibles

What You Do:

- **Give** kids a Bible.
- **Encourage** kids to look up this month’s memory verse, Romans 12:10.
- **Give** each kid a die and a “Memory Verse Grid” Activity Page.
- **Instruct** kids to write one word of the verse in each box on the “Memory Verse Grid.”
 - One box will be blank and kids can choose what box to leave blank.

- **Explain** the game:
 - When you say go, kids roll the die and cross out the word in the box matching the number they rolled.
 - Kids continue to roll their dice until all the boxes/words have been crossed out.
 - Kids can only cross out one word with each roll.
 - The winner is the first kid to stand up and correctly recite the verse after crossing out all the boxes/words.
- After a winner is declared, **gather** kids in a circle and **read** the memory verse again.
- **Explain** Jesus was the perfect example of how to love others deeply and how to show people they are valuable.
- **Encourage** kids to give examples of people Jesus valued. *(make this fast paced. Tick off the examples with your fingers. Stop when you get to five or ten examples or when kids run out of ideas. This is a great opportunity to emphasize that everyone is valuable to Jesus; everyone matters to Him and, therefore, everyone should matter to us.)*
- **Ask:**
 - When Jesus was asked, “What is the most important commandment?” does anyone know how He answered? *(If necessary, read Matthew 22:37-40)*
 - Why do you think loving others as yourself and honoring others more than yourself is so important to Jesus?
 - What are things we can do to let someone know they are valuable?

6. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: Sticky notes from Activity 3.

What You Do:

- **Encourage** kids to think of someone they know who is often overlooked and needs to know how valuable they are.
- **Give** kids time to think of one thing they can do this week to honor that person.
 - If kids are struggling, **suggest** they revisit some of the ideas from the “Take a Snapshot” Activity.
- **Close** in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, You can do anything! You created the earth, the heavens, and everything in it. You created each one of us in Your image. We all matter to You! Help us to see other people the way You do. Help us to follow Jesus’ example and let others know we see how valuable they are. Open our eyes to opportunities to give others a chance. Amen!”

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT “COMMUNION CALL”

HAND OUT “GOD TIME” CARDS TO EACH STUDENT BEFORE DISMISSING AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF STUDENTS BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE \$3 IN ALLEY CASH!