

Alley After Hours (Home Edition)

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SAFETY MEASURES: Remind Kids to...

1. Stay Muted
2. Camera ON Facing Them
3. Accept prompt to join the Breakout Room
4. Raise your hand to answer any questions

All Together Game: "House Hunt Bible Objects"

Large Group Host will explain that they are going to read the verses in the Bible below, and the kids have to listen for the object that they need to find and show the camera. First one to find the item is the winner of that round.

House Hunt Bible Objects List:

The verses listed below are the NIV translation, but most translations still include the object listed.

1. **Shoes/sandals** – Exodus 3:5 - "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your **sandals**, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."
2. **Clothes** – Matthew 25:38 – "When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing **clothes** and clothe you?"
3. **Book/Bible** – Joshua 1:8 – "Keep this **Book of the Law** always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."
4. **Milk** – 1 Peter 2:2 – "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual **milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,"
5. **Belt** – Ephesians 6:14 – "Stand firm then, with the **belt** of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,"
6. **Coin** – Luke 15:9 – "And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost **coin**.'"
7. **Keys** – Matthew 16:19 – "I will give you the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
8. **Blanket** – Isaiah 28:20 – "The bed is too short to stretch out on, the **blanket** too narrow to wrap around you."
9. **Vegetable(s)** – Proverbs 15:17 – "Better a small serving of **vegetables** with love than a fattened calf with hatred."
10. **Bag** – Job 14:17 – "My offenses will be sealed up in a **bag**; you will cover over my sin."

BREAKOUT ROOMS

FUN FIRST!: Bop It!

The classic game of Bop It! but, with a twist. With actions like jump it, spin it, clap it, floss it, and dab it, this is a whole new spin on the game. Have your students all stand up in their screens--if they are on a phone make sure you tell them to prop it up so they can do the movements. Start with one movement at a time, then add one movement each round, and so on. See how long you can go as a breakout room. Have all the students do the actions, or you can do it one at a time.

ICE-BREAKER QUESTIONS:

1. Best part of your week this week?
2. What or who do you play with when you're outside?
3. Who has a family pet that they can show on camera?
4. What's the longest you've gone (during social distancing) without showering?
5. How many stuffed animals are on your bed right now?
6. What's one thing you don't miss when school is out for summer or holiday breaks?
7. What's one thing you DO miss when school is out for summer or holiday breaks?
8. If you could add one thing to your bedroom, what would it be?
9. Ask kids to think about the *coolest* place they could imagine living.
 - a. What would be there?
 - b. Who would be there?
 - c. What would they do for fun?
 - d. What would they eat?
 - e. What kind of pets would they have?
10. What part of heaven do you hope for the most? What are you really hoping is true of heaven or what would you be most excited about?
11. Is there anything about heaven that makes you nervous? What is it?

We don't have a lot of specifics about what heaven is like, so you might feel like your kids have questions you don't have answers for. That's okay! Let them ask questions, dream, and imagine what a never-ending relationship with God is like, and don't feel like you have to try to "fill in the gaps" for them.

NOTE: Have kids raise their hands to speak, and then call on them. They can unmute, if muted, and they can share their answers to the above questions. Remember to stay positive and encouraging to your group. Don't be discouraged by lack of answers. Zoom Fatigue is REAL! Just be positive, affirm their answers, and thank them for sharing. The point is to show your kids you're available, miss them, and are still here for them.

NOTE: Every group is different. Some groups will "I don't know" their way through all of your questions, and some will engage in conversation on the first question the whole time. Be willing to go with the flow, and just be there with your group.

Pray and Dismiss

What You Do:

- Take Prayer Requests from the Students in your Breakout Room.
- **Invite** kids to pray for one another, and ask for God's help to know Jesus better through a deeper faith in Him.

What You Say:

"We're going to pray in a different way today. It might be a little bit awkward on this video call, but sometimes it's good to pray silently with a group and focus on what God is saying to our hearts. I'll pray a sentence and then pause for a moment for you to pray quietly on your own.

"Thank you, LORD, for loving us so much that You made a way for us to be with You forever."

(Pause)

"Thank You for Jesus and thank You for heaven. We know that You have gone to get heaven ready for us, Your Word tells us so."

(Pause)

"We know that if we trust You God, we will get to spend forever in heaven with You."

(Pause)

"We look forward to heaven even though we don't know what it's like and don't know what to expect."

(Pause)

"Sometimes the unknown is almost scary, but we know that in heaven everything will be made perfect and we will never have to be separated from You."

(Pause)

"Thank you for the Bible that tells us Your story—and thank You for keeping Your promises."

(Pause)

"We need You! It's in Your Son's name that we pray, amen!"

CLOSING:

"Thank you for coming to Alley After Hours at Home Edition tonight everyone! We had a great time. We hope you did too. We can't wait to see you again soon! And if you're a graduating 5th grader, we hope you'll join us this Friday Night at your Campus for Level Up at 7 PM! Bye!"

Allow kids to say good-bye. Tell them they can now click on "Leave the Meeting". Once all kids are gone you can click on "Leave the Meeting" too.

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