

Alley “All Together Activities”—November 22nd, 2020

1. Makin’ Stuffin’

What You Need: Plastic Food Item (1 per student), Cone for turn around point (4 per room), Stuffing pans (4 per room)

What You Do:

- **Form** teams of equal number then line up (distanced) at one end of the room.
- **Give** a plastic food item to each kid in line on each team.
- **Explain** that at your signal they must “Turkey Trot” to the cone and back again while holding the plastic food item between their knees. If it drops, they must start over. When they make it back, they can drop the food in the stuffing pan.
 - **NOTE: If your space and/or number of kids merits a single team variation, simply challenge them to complete the task in a set amount of time each round.**
- **Repeat** the relay as interest allows.

What You Say:

“You’re all hilarious! That was so much fun to watch you all come together as a team to play this game! No matter what food is on your table this Thanksgiving, whether it be: Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, or Tacos, remember to be thankful for the blessings God has given you and your Family!”

2. Job Interview

What You Need: “Job Interview” cards (sets of 3 cards in different colors)

What You Do:

- **Give** each of the kids one “Job Interview” card in each color.
- **Explain** that the cards describe unique qualities they will pretend to have as they interview for a job as a farmhand. (If needed, explain to kids that when a person applies for a job, they are often called in for an interview to talk about their responsibilities and to see if they are a good fit.)
- **Invite** kids to take turns convincing you, the farm owner, that they have what it takes to help you with your farm and why you should hire them.
 - The abilities on their “Job Interview” cards have little to do with being a farm hand, so the challenge (and silliness) of the game is for them to think of creative ways to convince you that they are qualified for the job based on their unique abilities described on the cards.
 - If you have shy kids, allow them to pair up and be interviewed as a team.
- **Prompt**, if needed, by asking kids questions to help move the “interview” along.
 - Tell me about yourself.
 - How do you see your abilities helping me with my farm?
 - What are some of your strengths?
 - If I hire you, how can you make my farm better?
- **Show** excitement about their ridiculous or unrelated abilities and how your farm will thrive with them working for you.

What You Say:

“You’re all hired to work on my farm! I bet you can’t wait for your first paycheck, right? **[Transition]** That’s how some employees in today’s Bible story felt but they were in for a surprise at the end of their workday. It’s important to be thankful at all times, even when we think things aren’t fair.”

3. Gratitude Prompts

What You Need: Gratitude Prompts Sheets (1 set per service)

What You Do:

- Have each kid pick a number (1 through 100) and prompt them to answer the corresponding prompt on the sheets.
- Play as long as time and interest allow.

4. Discussion Questions

- Why is it dangerous to compare what you have with what others have? How does that feed an attitude of ingratitude?
- How might taking time to adjust your attitude actually make your life better?
- What are some things you can be grateful for every day no matter what?
- If someone told you to “adjust your attitude” when you were complaining, what choices would you need to make in order for that to happen?