

# Alley “All Together Activities”—November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## 1. Opening Activity

**What You Need:** Paper clips (5 per student)

**What You Do:**

- **Sit** together in a circle.
- **Give** each kid five paper clips.
- **Explain** that the goal of the game is to take turns verbally adding a letter to a word but avoid being the one who adds the final letter that completes a word. For example:
  - The first kid calls out a letter such as, “B.”
  - The second kid adds another letter but NOT one that would finish the word, such as the letter, “E,” which would spell BE. Instead, they could add “O.”
  - The third kid does not want to add a Y or a W because those letters would complete words—BOY and BOW. The third kid could add an “M” which would still not complete a word.
  - Continue until a word is spelled.
  - The kid who ends up with no other option than to add a letter that will complete a word, loses a paper clip.
  - Kids are out of the game if they run out of paper clips.
- **Play** for a designated time then determine the winner based on highest number of paper clips.

**What You Say:**

“NOT spelling a word is almost harder than actually spelling it. Your brain had to work in a completely different way—the opposite of what your language arts teacher tries so hard to teach you. Getting in the habit of being grateful can take some rethinking as well but it’s a challenge worth the effort. **[Transition] In our talk today we looked at gratitude as it relates to new attitudes and habits.**”

## 2. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** “Memory Words” cards (1 set per service)

**What You Do:**

- **Sit** together in a distanced circle.
- **Shuffle** the “Memory Words” so that the cards are in no particular order.
- **Tell** kids to silently watch as you show them the series of “Memory Words” one by one. They don’t need to remember the order of the cards, but they will need to remember as many of the words as possible. Don’t tell them that some of the words pertain to the story and others do not.
- **For the next couple of minutes, set the cards aside and ask** kids random questions such as what kind of candy they like, what is the weather supposed to be like today, what is their favorite animal.
- **Go around** the circle and let kids take turns naming one of the words they remember seeing on the cards.
- **Place** the card they name on the floor but hold on to any they do not remember.
- **Shuffle** all the cards together.
- **Play again** but this time tell kids that there are 10 cards that pertain to the story and 10 that do not.
- Tell them to take note of any cards they forgot in the last round.
- When finished, **repeat** the process of letting each kid name one word they remember then place the card on the floor. Below is a complete list of the “Memory Words.”

Words found in the Bible story	Words not found in the Bible story
Jesus	Washing Machine
Fly	Tree
Frog	Dog
Bread	Car
Lamb	Cell Phone
Cup	Hammer
Egypt	Turkey
Plague	Ice Cream
Passover	Santa Claus
Disciples	Shoe

- **Discuss** the story by asking kids to share how certain cards relate to the events they heard about in the Bible Story.
- **Read** Luke 22:19-20 as you remind kids that Jesus took an old habit of gratitude, the Passover, and turned it into a **BRAND NEW habit of gratitude**—the Lord’s Supper, or Communion.
  - What does Jesus ask us to remember when we eat bread during Communion?
  - What does Jesus ask us to remember when we drink from the cup during Communion?
  - Why is it important to remember what God has done for us?
  - What are three things God’s done that you feel the most grateful for today?

### 3. Gratitude Bingo Coverall

**What You Need:** Gratitude Bingo Sheets (1 per student), Pens, and Call Cards (1 set per service)

What You Do:

- Hand out a Gratitude Bingo Sheet and a Pen to each kid
- **NOTE: Kids will mark each space with a pen as the picture is called.**
- Using the Call Cards, play a game of BINGO cover-all, calling out one card at a time until someone has their bingo card completely covered and call “Bingo!”
- **NOTE: There will be more than one winner.**

### 4. Discussion Questions

- What are some things you can do when you don’t feel like celebrating what God has done?
- Why do you think there are times we don’t show gratitude to those who help us, especially those people who help us all of the time?
- If we can’t think of a way to show gratitude, we can think how we would like to be treated. What are some of those ways and how can you use those ideas to thank someone else?
- What are some ways we can show God we remember how He has helped us?