

# Alley SG—October 31st-November 1st, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Let's Work Together (One Body but Many Parts) • *1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

**Today's Key Question:** What makes a great team?

**Today's Bottom Line:** We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

## 1. Verses to Take with You

**What You Need:** Bibles, prepared "Verse Cups," rubber bands with strings attached

### What You Do:

- Give kids a Bible.
- Look up the monthly memory verse, Psalm 139:14. Challenge kids to recite it from memory.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each team a set of "Verse Cups."
- Tell teams to place their cups in a row on the floor in the correct order of the memory verse.
- Give teams a rubber band with four strings attached to it.
- Challenge teams to work together to create a tower using the cups provided. The rules for building a tower are:
  - Kids can only touch the string; they cannot touch the rubber band or the cups with their hands.
  - Kids work together to use the strings to expand the rubber band to pick up the cups and build a pyramid or a tower.
  - The cups need to be placed in the correct order of the memory verse.
  - For a visual go to: <https://bit.ly/34Tp57P> and skip to about one minute in.
- For wrap up discussion, consider the following:
  - What did you learn was important to do activity?
  - Everyone had to do their part to be able to stack the cups. What would have happened if one of you decided not to do their part?
  - What happens on a team when one person decides not to do their part?
  - When you follow Jesus, what does your team look like?

## 2. Take a Snapshot

**What You Need:** "People Cards" Activity Page (1 per student), scissors, and pens/markers

### What You Do:

- Gather kids together.
- Say:
  - This month we have talked a lot about how God created us to be unique.
  - What are some of the gifts and skills God has given us? (*quickly review some of the ideas discussed this month.*)
- Divide the kids into groups of two or three.
- Give each kid in the group a "People Cards" Activity Page, scissors, and a pen/marker.
- Have kids cut out their cards in their Groups.
- Challenge the groups to use the "People Cards" to put together a team to complete a given task.
- Instruct kids to write the gifts and skills needed inside each person outline, one skill on each card.
- Potential Task Ideas:
  - A team to complete a science project on electricity
  - A team to put on a skit for the kindergarten class at school
  - A team to organize a recycling program at school
  - A team to play soccer

- Give groups time to share their teams.
  - Challenge groups to explain why they selected the gifts/skills they did.
  - What makes a good team?
  - What is the benefit of doing something as a team? What would happen one part of the team was missing?
  - Discuss the similarities and differences between the teams created.

### 3. Discussion Questions

#### Ask:

- Give an example of a good team you were on. Why was it a good team?
- How can we use our gifts together to make a greater difference at school? At home?
- Have you ever found yourself wishing you had a talent or a skill like someone else? Or have you just thought your gift isn't all that important? What should we do when we find ourselves comparing what we can do with what *someone else* can do?
- How can using our gifts together help point others to Jesus?

### 4. Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

**What You Need:** No Supplies Needed

#### What You Do:

- Divide kids into teams. Ideally, each team should have at least four kids on it.
  - *Optional: Depending on your group size, consider doing this with other preteen groups.*
- Teams will compete to form different objects using their bodies.
- Call out an object for teams to create.
- Teams lay on the ground and work together to form the object using their bodies.
- Declare the team that forms the object the fastest or the best as the winner.
- Suggestions for objects include: a square, a tree, a butterfly, a boat, etc.
- Ideally start with something easy to create, e.g., a square, and then increase the degree of difficulty with each round.

#### What You Say:

"This game took a lot of teamwork. When you worked together you could do a lot more than if you tried to be the shape of these objects all by yourself."

### 5. Make it Personal with Prayer

- Close in prayer.
  - God, We know you created us uniquely, we are each one of a kind and each of us reflect You uniquely. Thank You God for how You made us. (*Encourage kids to thank God, either silently or aloud in popcorn-style prayer, for specific ways He made them.*) God help us to use our gifts together to make a greater difference by showing others what it looks like to follow Jesus. Amen.