

ALLEY SG – April 22-23, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Stand By Me (On the Road to Emmaus • *Luke 24:13-35*)

Today's Key Question: When has someone helped you understand something?

Today's Bottom Line: Put others first by helping them understand

Monthly Memory Verse: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3, (NirV)

1. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: "Fill in the Blank Story Script" Page, ball

What You Do:

- Review the Bible story using the "Fill in the Blank Story Script."
 - Sit in a circle.
 - Hand one of the kids the ball.
 - Explain that they will begin passing the ball around the circle as you read the story about the men who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus.
 - Whenever you pause, the kid holding the ball must fill in the blank by finishing the sentence in keeping with the story.
 - If they don't know the answer, they can hand the ball to the next kid.
 - (Note that suggested answers are printed in bold on the script but kids can answer in their own words.)
 - Pick up the story where you left off and continue on.
- At the end of the script, discuss and wrap up:
 - What are some of the things the men on the road to Emmaus learned about God's story that they didn't already know?
 - What is something you discovered in this story that you didn't know before? Is there someone you can share this new discovery with to help them know and better understand Jesus?
 - Why do you think Jesus was disappointed with the men for not better understanding what was going on with the events that had taken place in Jerusalem?
 - Why does God want us to understand the things in the Bible?

2. Verses to Take with You

What You Need: Bibles, ball

What You Do:

- Give kids Bibles then ask them to look up and read Proverbs 3:27.
- Say the verse together several times and see if kids can recite it on their own.
- Consider asking half the kids to say the first part in a certain voice, then let the remaining kids say the second part using the same voice style.

- High (squeaky) voice
- Low voice
- Robot voice
- Pirate voice
- Whisper
- Shout
- Have the kids sit in a circle and give one child the ball.
- Ask that child to say the first word of the verse then throw the ball across to another child who says the second word.
- Continue tossing the ball to each other until you have finished the verse.
- Play a few times and, if possible, time how long it takes the group to complete the verse.
- Try to get quicker each time.
- Ask:
 - What does it mean to “hold back good” from someone?
 - If we can help someone understand and we choose not to help, is that holding back good? Why or why not?
 - What do you learn about humility from this verse?

3. Discussion Questions

- When it comes to knowing Jesus, what would you say are the most important things to understand?
- What would you like to understand better about God? Who can you go to for help?
- If someone asks you for help to understand something, when is it hard for you to do that with a good attitude? What makes the difference between it being hard or easy?

4. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: No supplies

What You Do:

- Instruct everyone to stand in a circle and turn to the left so they are facing the back of the person in front of them.
- Ask each person to pray a short prayer (silently or aloud) for the person in front of them to have opportunities to put others first this week by helping someone understand.
- Invite everyone to turn and face the opposite direction and then pray the same prayer for the person they are now facing.

What You Say:

“Dear God, help us to show humility by serving others this week. When we can help someone understand something better, help us do it without complaining or expecting something in return. Show us how to follow Your example and put our family, friends, and others first this week. In Jesus’ name, amen.”