

THE ALLEY RUNDOWN- April 24th

8:30-9:00 (10:30-11:00)- Games in the room. Give each kid a "Backstage Pass" lanyard to wear in the worship center

9:00 (11:00)- Head to worship, enter the door across from the CITY entrance and sit in the designated area in the front

Opening Game (Daring Faith Challenge):

Welcome to the third week in our brand new series, Daring Faith! We are going to explore what it means to be daring in our Faith. Today we are going to **Dare to GIVE!** You will get to prove how brave you are each week with a Daring Faith Challenge!!

Now for today's challenge I need to divide you into two teams *(Point to one side)* You are Team One and *(point to the other side)* You will get to prove how brave you are each week with a Daring Faith Challenge!!

Now for today's challenge I need 2 people who are daring enough to take on a tough physical challenge. *(Pick 2 kids who have NOT participated in either of the last three weeks' Challenges)* Let's get our 2 challengers up here. You three will be the "holders"

Now I need 2 people to be their teammates! You are going to help these competitors to see how brave they really are! *(Choose 2 more people who have not participated yet assign them a teammate)* You three will be the "handlers". So we have the holders and the handlers!

OK, holder, I need you to stand over here and their handlers will stand next to them with this bag. (Hand them a bag of items)

The hander selects an item from the bag and hands it to the holder. The hander continues to do this until holder drops something. The team with the most stuff with out dropping anything wins!!I need 1 minute on the clock.....and GO!!

Great job competitors!! Make sure you come back next week for another Daring competition!"

SETTING UP THE BIBLE STORY

Today we are talking about God and how generous He is. Everything we have from our homes to our friends and even the food we eat, all comes from God. God is very generous and we should be thankful and give back to him.

When I say we should give back to God, I am talking about giving God our money, our time and our talents. The Bible explains that God is our provider and that he has given us everything. He also asks us to be thankful and to give back some of what he has given us. But we will talk about that a little later.

Today we are going to hear from God's word about a man named Jacob and a dream he had This TRUE story is found in the very first book of the Bible.

(Read the Bible story to the kids or have kids read it: Genesis 28:10-22)

Take a look at this video about giving back to God...

Video: Week 4 story

God has given us all so much, just like Jacob. We should also give back to God, but what does that mean to give back to God??

Well, one way to give to God is with our **money**. We give God our money by giving him our offering. That means giving some of our allowance, or birthday money to the church. Here in the CITY, we collect money during our worship time. Our leaders at the church use that money to help a mission that we as a church support. Our money that you guys give in the

CITY goes to sponsor _____ (*Victor at HG, ask Lindsey/Jenny who is sponsored at Orland*) who are children in Kenya, which is in Africa. Our church gives money so that they can go to school, have enough food, and get medical help. We also give back to God by giving him things that money has bought for us. Like toys or clothes! We can give away our toys or clothes to people who need them.

Another way we can give back to God is with our **time**. We can do things to help others with our time. You can use time that you would usually spend playing video games, or playing with friends to do some thing to help someone else. Like, help your mom with chores. Or help a neighbor with yard work. Or help a friend with their homework. Or even help your brother or sister clean their room! There are lots of ways you can use your time to give back to God.

The last way we are going to talk about giving back to God is with your **talents**. What is a talent? Yes something you are good at. If you are good at art, you can make something for someone who is sick to brighten their day. If you are good at a sport like soccer, you can teach someone else how to play. If you are a good singer, you can sing at a retirement home. If you are a good listener, you can listen to a friend who is having a hard time and let them know you are here for them.

We can never thank God enough for everything he has given us, but one thing we can do is to give back part of what he has given us. When we do that, God uses what we give to help others God wants us to use our time, talents and money to give to others. When we do that, we are giving back to Him!

**** DARING FAITH COMMITMENT:**

I want you to think about a way that YOU can give back to God.

We are now going to put your faith into action! I have some strips of fabric and markers.

We have been talking all month about having Daring Faith. That means to be daring in our relationship with God. I am going to ask you to be daring right now. If you are willing to make a commitment to give back to God today, you will write your commitment on the fabric, and come up and hang your strip of fabric on this vine. By doing this, you are telling God that you will take this step of Faith and give back to God. Remember: everything you have comes from God. When we are generous and giving with what he has given us, we are telling him thank you for all you have.

(Give each kid who makes a Daring Faith Commitment to be generous a Daring Faith bracelet.)

Explain Daring Faith Booklets:

Everyone has a lanyard. In your lanyard is a Daring Faith Book. Each of the next Five weeks will have a different challenge. AFTER we learn a new story from the Bible about Daring Faith we want you to take your book home and complete the question. You are NOT answering it here at church; you are taking it home to think about. Bring the booklet back next week and you will receive a jewel sticker for your booklet. Everyone turn to the last pages in the book that says, "Daring Faith Sticker Pages." Each week you BRING your book back with your challenge completed, you will earn a jewel sticker and can stick it here. At the end of the five weeks, if you have ALL FIVE jewels stickers you will receive a FREE pass to a water park!

You cannot work ahead. You can't come back next week with all of your challenges completed. We are going to focus on ONE WAY we can daring in our faith each week. IF you miss weeks, you may go ahead and complete the challenges of the weeks you have missed. If you miss three weeks, and the next time you come to church you have all three of those weeks' challenges completed, you will get those three Jewels for you book.

Bring your lanyard and booklet back with you every week. You will NOT get another lanyard so don't lose them!! Let's look together at this week's Challenge, *(Read Week #4)*

I challenge you to complete this at home and bring your lanyard back next week for a jewel. If you need help, ask you parents. This is a great thing for you to talk to your parents; they may have some great ideas for you!

4. ACTIVITIES: #1 Pictionary Review

#2 Give Your Love

#3 Pray

#4 Cave Clues (extra time)