

# ALLEY LG – April 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Daring Faith Week #1

**Theme:** Dare to LEARN

**Bible Story:** The story of the wise and foolish builders • *Matthew 7:24-27*

**Bottom Line:** In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to learn what God has to teach me in his word.

**Memory Verse:** “Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave.” 1 Corinthians 16:13  
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*Host is on stage dressed in the costume to become out Daring Faith Host, Montana Duke. There is a hat, a cheap jacket, a satchel, and a rope. SGL: PLEASE wear the costume!!! If you are not comfortable with the size of the jacket, that is fine, just please wear the hat, satchel and rope. If you have a leather jacket or khaki shirt, that would be great. The stage should be set up with a tarp with a small table on with and two chairs facing the table.*

## Opener

**HOST:** “Hey, everybody! Welcome to the first week in our brand new series, Daring Faith! I am Montana Duke and we are going to be taking a journey below the Earth to explore! We are going to explore what it means to be daring in our Faith. Today we are going to **Dare to Learn!**”

## CG: Dare To Learn

What are some words you think of when I say the word daring?? (*Listen for answers*) Well during the next month we will see just how daring and brave and courageous and mighty you really are!! It's like our memory verse says,

## CG: Memory Verse

“Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave.” 1 Corinthians 16:13

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 the room in half. (*Point to one side*) You are Team One and (*point to the other side*) You are Team Two. I need one contestant from each team. (*LGL: It may be good to use a Small Group Leaders, that is up to you. But let them know they will be getting wet*)

Let's have our two Daring Faith Challengers sit in these chairs facing each other. Who do we have representing Team 1? Team #1, do you think \_\_\_\_\_ is brave enough for this challenge?? Who is the courageous challenger for Team 2? Team #2: Is \_\_\_\_\_ mighty enough for this???

OK, Contestants put these lovely garbage bags over your heads. Now, put these very flattering shower caps on your heads. I think we are ready???? Kids, are we ready?????

All right! Let's look at the screen to hear from our trusted cave friend Boulderdash who has the instructions for our Challenge:

### Video: Talking Rock Face Video

*This is what the talking face will say: (I am including this in case the Talking Head Video does not work)*  
*“Our two Competitors will sit in chairs facing each other. Each one has a Brave assistant who will stand next to their teammate. There is a deck of cards on the table in the middle of the contestants. Each team will draw a card from the deck. Whichever team has the higher number will splash the Small Group Leader on the other team in the face with a cup of water!!! (Kevin, can you do a deep laugh – but not too scary??)*  
*You have 1 minute. Whichever team stays the driest, wins!*  
*One minute on the clock please ...and GO!!!*  
*Great job competitors!! You were really showing how Brave you are.*  
*Come back next week for another Daring Faith Challenge!*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

Like I said, we are going on an exploration to see what it means to have Daring Faith. Today we are going to Dare to Learn!

### CG: Dare to learn

Before we have Daring Faith we need to learn what God tells us in His word. It is very important that we take the time to LEARN what God says.

And today we are going to learn something

So I am looking around at this cave we are in and I see lots of rocks. We can learn a lot from rocks. You're saying, Montana Duke, you are crazy what can you learn from a rock??? Well, rocks are mentioned a LOT in the Bible and God is even compared to a rock. During this series, we are going to look at those stories and learn how to apply them to our lives. We can find the answers to ALL of our problems if we look in the Bible. God's word is the foundation for our lives. What do I mean by that??

Take a look at this video.....

### Video: Video #1

What do we learn about building a home from this video? *(Wait for responses)* What kind of things have to be in place to build a strong, sturdy building? *(wait for responses)*

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus compares building a house to following Him with our life. I need 4 friends to help me read these verses. *(Give one kid a card with each verse. Have them read them in order...)*

Child #1 verse 24  
Child #2 verse 25  
Child #3 verse 27  
Child #4 verse 28

Let's give our teachers a round of applause. As they go back to their seats, watch this video about those verses...

### Video: Bible Story Video #2

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

When we say that God is our rock, we're talking about how we can use Him and His teachings as a foundation for our lives. In these verses in Matthew Jesus is basically saying, it doesn't do any good to just READ the Bible. We have to DO what it says! God gave us his word so that we would use it! We need to read it to learn how to have Daring Faith.

It's just like our bottom line for today:

**CG: Bottom Line**

**Bottom Line: In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to learn what God has to teach me in his word.**

I have something very exciting to tell you about now. We want to see how Daring YOU are! We have a challenge for EVERYONE to participate in this month. And IF you finish the challenge you will win a very valuable prize! How many people like to go to Water parks in the summer??? Well, we are getting closer to the summer and if you commit to this challenge you will win a pass to a local Water Park! Here is what you will do: *(Have the leaders pass out the lanyards and booklets if they haven't already)*

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. Now you may say, "Montana Duke, but I don't come to church every single week!" That's ok. 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 #1)*

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!

"Let's pray."

### **Pray**

"God, thank you for giving us the Bible. Please help us to go more than just read it. Help us to do what it says. We love you and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

*Dismiss children to their Small Groups.*