Alley Rundown - February 17-18, 2018

Bible Story: All the Small Things (The Least of These) • Matthew 25:35-40

Bottom Line: Be kind to people who are overlooked.

Key Question: Have you ever received unexpected kindness?

Memory Verse: "Do to others as you want them to do to you." *Luke 6:31 (NIrV)*

SuperStart! Announcement:

"Hey Alley! Before we get started today, I want to remind you about a very special opportunity you have to attend an incredible event called SuperStart! Here's a quick look at what it's all about..."

CG: SuperStart! Promo (Runtime: 1:00)

"Awesome! Make sure you grab one of these cards (show card) on your way out today, with all the information for SuperStart! on it."

Connect Time: Backwards Movie Quotes

CG: Movie Quote Slides

"Alright! So...we've been having a ton of fun REWINDing with some backwards competitions this month. Today we're going back to movies because everybody loves movies. I know I do!"

"I'm going to read a famous line from a movie. If you know what movie it's from, raise your hand quickly, and I may call on you. Oh, and since we're REWINDing, I'll be saying the lines backwards."

Read the lines on screen one by one. Choose a kid to answer each time. Optional: Give out Alley Cash when a kid gets the answer correct.

- "Behind left gets nobody means family. Family means Ohana." ("Lilo & Stitch")
- "Smalls me killin' you're!" ("The Sandlot")
- "You love I and you met just have I. Dug is name my." ("Up")
- "Lightning am I. Quick than quicker, fast than faster. Speed." ("Cars")
- "Beyond and infinity to!" ("Toy Story")
- "For melting worth are people some." ("Frozen")
- "You with be force the may." ("Star Wars")

Begin Rundown:

"Great job everyone! To kick off our lesson this morning, I have a question for you. Ready for it? OK . . . Have you ever seen somebody show kindness to someone else and it kind of surprised you? Maybe it was somebody really popular and the person he was being kind to . . . eh . . . wasn't so popular. Or maybe it was somebody famous. Do you know of somebody like that?"

"If you've seen that sort of kindness, would you share a short example with all of us?"

Have a few willing kids share their examples.

"Those are great! Now, several months ago, Houston, TX experienced a devastating hurricane. Does anyone remember that? Yeah, it was pretty bad. But as a result, people from all over starting showing up in the Houston area to show kindness and help out however they could. Stories were popping up everywhere of some amazing acts of kindness. We here at Parkview even sent teams down to help a church in Houston called Ecclesia Church. Including this one!"

"The Houston Texans, the professional football team, play their home games in an area that was greatly affected by the hurricane. And they had a rookie starting quarterback, DeShaun Watson, at the start of the season. So here is this famous, hot shot, starting quarterback of an NFL team getting paid a whole lot of money! And do you know what he did with his first paycheck? He didn't buy a car. He didn't go shopping. He GAVE it to three women who serve food at the team's cafeteria who lost everything as a result of the hurricane! Let's take a look..."

CG: Deshaun Watson Video (Runtime 1:00)

"He didn't have to do that, but he did it anyway—surprising kindness from a surprising source. Watson saw a need and did what he could to meet it, especially for people who are probably overlooked pretty often. Pretty cool, right?"

"All month, we've talked about the opportunities for us to show kindness that pop up all of the time. Just think about your day so far. We see people in need all the time. And some of these opportunities involve people who might be quite different from us. If we're honest, we might even say we'd rather not be seen around them for some reason or another."

"The lack of opportunities to show kindness is not the problem. Rather, we notice the needs of others but often overlook them. Why is this? People need help; why do we go on with our days as if they don't? Maybe it's because sometimes it is difficult to make ourselves STOP and focus on others and what they're going through. Yet, is this the best way to respond when we see needs? That's a good question, and good questions need answers. The best place to start is God's Word, the Bible. Let's see what we can find out in this week's episode..."

CG: Week 3 Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

"Have you ever received unexpected kindness? Now, here's the thing: it doesn't stop there. It is not just about what we have RECEIVED, but it is now a challenge about what we can GIVE. After you answer that question, think about those who are often overlooked. How could you show kindness to them this week . . . and by doing so, show kindness to Jesus! Let's worship..."

CG: Worship Experience Video (Runtime: 5:00)

Supplies Needed: Paper, Pens, Markers, and Stickers

NOTE: For this Worship Experience, students will write letters of kindness to children in Kenya. The letters with then be delivered in the coming weeks, personally, by members of the Parkview Kids team during their Kenyan Mission Trip.