

Alley Rundown - February 24-25, 2018

Bible Story: Mercy, Mercy Me (Love Your Enemies) • *Matthew 5:43-48*

Bottom Line: Be kind to people who aren't kind to you.

Key Question: How can you be kind to people you don't get along with?

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

"What's up 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)

CONNECT TIME: Emoji Villain Game

Supplies Needed: "Buzzers" for each team (2 per campus)

"Awesome! I wanna go! Now, I've got a great game to get us started today. Our theme this month is Rewind: Kindness Deserves a Replay, so we've been celebrating some of our favorite movies. Now, I know many of you know your Disney movie heroes, but I'm wondering . . . how are you at identifying Disney movie villains?"

"We're going to go guys versus girls this time. Let me get three guys and three girls up here who think they're Disney experts."

Choose three guys and three girls and give each team a buzzer.

"In just a moment, an image will appear on the screen. You'll see a series of emojis together that will hopefully make you think of a movie. Now, I DON'T NEED THE NAME OF THE MOVIE! I need the villain from that movie. So when you hit the buzzer and I call on you, give me the famous villain from that movie. You got it? All right, let's go!"

"Here's our first movie. Can you name that villain?"

CG: Emoji Villain Game Slide 1a

Call on the first team who buzzes in and give them a chance to answer. If they get it wrong or can't answer, the other team gets a chance to guess. Reveal the answer slide once the teams have guessed.

CG: Emoji Villain Game Slide 1b

Lead them through all seven clues and seven answers.

CG: Emoji Villain Game Slides (#2-7)

“Wow! You guys really know your movie villains! This time, the *[guys/girls]* are the champions. Thanks for playing.”

Begin Rundown...

“Now, all month long we’ve been talking about what God thinks about kindness. Showing kindness is definitely a wise choice. I think we all know that by now. But the truth is, you don’t always get along with everyone. You’ll always face the kid in your class that’s a bully, the trash talker on the other team, or that kid in your neighborhood that talks bad about you. So does that mean you’re off the hook? Can we just show kindness to the people who are kind to us, but we don’t have to worry about showing kindness to the people who aren’t? Wow, those are really good questions. I’m thinking we need to head to God’s Word and find out some answers. Sound good?”

OFFERING:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

Before we take a look at this week’s episode, we want to give you all an opportunity to bring your offering to God. Here at (your campus), we give our offering to help support (your campus child) in Kenya. Our offering goes to show kindness to them by buying clothes, and food, and other materials they may need. If you brought an offering today, you may bring it up when the video plays. If not, that’s ok too. You can bring an offering next week. If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays, and place it here (*show offering basket*). Watch this...”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 1:30)

CG: Week 4 Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:35)

Wow, what a challenging but important idea. Love your enemies. As you head to small group, I want you to think about your own lives right now and who you might say it is a challenge to be kind to. And even though I gave three examples, I’ll bet you have some *even better* ones that you can discuss as a group. And as you share, I want you to consider this question: How can you be kind to people you don’t get along with?”

CG: Key Question Slide

“Wouldn’t that be amazing if this week you acted just like your Father in Heaven and showed kindness to the most unexpected people? I think so too. Before we head to Small Group, let’s pray...”

PRAY: “Jesus, thank You so much for loving us. Thank You for showing us the importance of loving our enemies. Help us love those that we may consider to be our enemies. Be with us today as we head to our Small Groups. In Your Name we pray, Amen.”