

Alley Rundown - March 24-25, 2018

(Easter Lesson)

Bible Story: Mapped Out (Easter Story) • *The Bible*

Bottom Line: Jesus is alive!

Key Question: How do you celebrate Easter?

Memory Verse: "Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD!"

Psalm 27:14, NIV

CONNECT TIME: Game with My "Peeps"

Supplies Needed: 12 Peeps – 6 for each team, 2 Easter Baskets, prizes for winning team

Note: Make sure the kids don't eat the peeps, they are for the game at all services

"Hey, everyone! Happy Easter! Now, I know it's not quite Easter yet, but we are going to celebrate Easter today here in the Alley! Sound good? We've got some fun things planned for you today. I'm so glad you're here!"

"So, when I was a little kid, I used to love coming down on Easter morning to find an Easter basket (*Hold up Easter basket*) with some of my favorite candy. And you know what the best Easter candy is? Peeps! Come on now . . . those way-too-sugary marshmallow puffs . . . you can't beat them!"

"So now I shall combine my love for peeps with my love for competitive games . . . and now I need 4 volunteers for our game—two sets of two. Who wants to partner up?!"

Choose four volunteers for an active game.

"Alright, you two are together and you two are together. Now, when I say go, one of you will place an Easter Basket on your head, while the other will be shooting the Peeps into the basket (*demonstrate if needed with a leader*). (*Designate a spot for each basket holder and Peep shooter to stand*) The first team to get six peeps (one at a time!) in their Easter basket wins! Get it? Ready, set, and GO!"

Have fun and do some commentary during the game. Announce a winner and give an Easter prize for the winning partners.

"That was awesome! (*Looking in the basket*) And I think I found the first peeps ever that I will NEVER eat!"

Begin Rundown...

"Now, when we say it is Easter, most of us know WHY we celebrate. We know that Easter is not about bunnies or eggs or even Peeps! No, on Easter, we celebrate Jesus and the fact that He rose again from the dead!"

"But have you ever wondered WHY? I mean, WHY did Jesus have to come back to life . . . and does it even matter? We'll take a look at the answers to all these questions in this week's episode. But before we do that, it's Offering Time!

OFFERING:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

"Offering Time is important here in the Alley, because it gives you all an opportunity to worship God by giving your money generously. 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 and place it here once our video plays (*show offering container*). The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him..."

CG: Offering Verse JPEG (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

God loves a Cheerful Giver! Let's take a look at this week's episode..."

CG: Easter Lesson Video (Runtime: 9:53)

"So . . . does it matter that Jesus rose again? Absolutely!"

"And that's the thing about Easter. It is not just a once-a-year celebration . . . just a date on a calendar. Easter is an event we can celebrate all of the time because this is a BIG DEAL! Jesus is alive, and because of that, we have hope for every single day!"

"Let me finish that verse I started reading before . . . (*Read from John 3:16, NIV*) '*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life!*' What an amazing promise, right?! Jesus' resurrection from the dead is DEFINITELY a reason to celebrate! As you head to small groups, think about this..."

CG: Key Question Slide

"How do you celebrate Easter? For some of you, this might be the first time the amazing story of Jesus made sense to you. And if that's you, you might celebrate Easter this year by trusting Jesus as your Savior for the first time! For the rest of you who have put your faith in Jesus, you can celebrate with a bigger idea of the hope and life we have because of Jesus! Think about it: how will *YOU* celebrate Easter, knowing that Jesus is alive? Before we head to Small Group, let's take some time to Worship!"

CG: Worship Experience Video (Runtime: 6:30)

NOTE: Students will stand and sing "Glorious Day" by Kristian Stanfill

Dismiss to Small Groups