

# Alley Rundown - June 23-24, 2018

**Bible Story:** They Didn't Start the Fire (Elijah and the Prophets of Baal) \* 1 Kings 18

**Bottom Line:** God can do the impossible.

**Key Question:** How would you live if you believed God could do the impossible?

**Memory Verse:** "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." *Psalm 27:13 NIV*

## WELCOME:

**Supplies Needed:** Blank Paper, Marker, and Folded Paper with the number 21 written on it

\*\*\*Before each service, put the folded paper with 21 on it in your pocket.

"Hey, Alley! How are you all doing today? Alright, I need a volunteer."

*Choose a Small Group Leader or older leader.*

*(To volunteer)* "Today, I'm hoping to do the impossible . . . read your mind! But don't worry; your secrets are safe with me."

*Hand volunteer a blank sheet of paper and a marker.*

*(To volunteer)* "Here is a blank paper and a marker. Write down your age but don't say it out loud!"

"Take your age and *add 3*. Now take that number and *subtract 5*. Now take your new number and *add 7*. Take this new number and subtract *your age*. Almost done . . . you're doing great. Now take this new number and *add 5*. Take this new number and *multiply by 2*. Last step: take this number and *add 1*. Now write the answer nice and big on the back of your paper but don't show me, okay?"

"Now who thinks I can guess the number? Nobody? *(To volunteer)* Okay show us your number."

*Volunteer reveals number.*

*(Looking at the number)* Yep, that's what I thought it was. 21. See, I read your mind."

"You don't believe me? Well..."

*Reach into your back pocket and pull out the folded paper. Unfolds it to reveal "21."*

"Ta da! Pretty cool, right? Give it up for my volunteer!"

"Okay, so even though that seemed like it was impossible, there is actually a trick to it. *(Beat)* I won't tell you what it is though right now, BUT my guess is that we all have been in situations when life just felt really difficult. Maybe it was an opponent in sports, a project at school, or a family situation."

“When it comes to situations like those, have you ever felt like there was NO WAY the situation would go your way? *(allow response)*”

Maybe some of you are going through something like that right now. Well, first let me tell you that I understand why you might feel this way. Sometime we face what seem like impossible situations, and when we do, it's easy to look at it and think there's no way any of this will work out. And in those situations, we can either run from God or run to God. Thankfully, we have examples of people in the Bible who can help us make the wise choice and trust God when it comes to impossible situations. Let's take a look!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:15)**

“Now, I need to be honest. Not every impossible situation will end up the way we want it to every time. But what may happen is that God gives you His peace while you go through a tough time . . . and sometimes having peace seems like an impossible thing when situations are not going the way we want them to.”

“Think about this...”

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“How would you live if you believed God could do the impossible? Would it change how see your impossible situation or give you the courage to keep trusting God throughout the situation? If you're not sure how you'd answer this question, your Small Group Leader can help. Before you head to group, let's take some time to worship God with our offering and our attention...”

#### **OFFERING TIME:**

**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 and place it here *(show offering container)*. If not, that's ok too. You can bring an offering next week. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

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

*(Invite students to bring their offerings forward)*

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

*Dismiss Children to Small Group*