

# Alley Rundown - May 12-13, 2018

**Bible Story:** Logic Error (David and Ahimelek) • 1 Samuel 21-22

**Key Question:** When have you seen a lie hurt someone?

**Bottom Line:** When you're not truthful, you hurt others.

**Memory Verse:** "Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." Proverbs 10:9, (NirV)

## CONNECT TIME: "Ican-Icon" Game

"Hola! Bonjour! Ciao! Guten Tag! (*don't worry about pronouncing these words perfectly*)

Does anybody in this room speak another language? (*Pause for response.*) Some of you do, and you probably recognized I said 'hello' in four different languages! Listening to others speak different languages is intriguing to me!"

"Now, how many of you speak computer? (*Pause for response.*) It can be some pretty confusing stuff! This is how we speak to computers to tell them what to do! We have progressed very far in a short amount of time. Speaking of which, I feel like we are only a few years away from talking toasters, which would make it ideal to talk it through how to get a perfectly cooked Egg-o. But before we get to the toaster-talkin' future, I'm going to give you a lesson in talking tech: who wants to play a game called Ican-Icon? (*Pause for response.*) Great! This game is for the entire group."

"This is how to play! We're going to put a picture of a computer symbol or icon on the screens. Most will look familiar, but their names may be less familiar. It will be your job to identify the name of the symbol. To make it easier, we will put A NAME below each symbol. HOWEVER, not all the symbols will have the correct name matched with them! You must determine if the name is correct . . . or incorrect. If you think the name is CORRECT, you'll stand up right where you are! If you think it's INCORRECT, you'll remain seated! Just TWO rules: stand if you think the name is CORRECT and remain sitting if you think the name is WRONG. Sound good? (*Pause for response.*) Awesome! Let's play Ican-Icon!"

*Play game. Prompt group to either sit or stand.  
Give audience about 10 seconds to respond to the image. After each round, reveal the correct name.*

CG 1a-b: "~ Squiggledoo" – FALSE (Tilde)  
CG 2a-b: "{" Curly Brace" – TRUE  
CG 3a-b: "^ Superarrow" – FALSE (Carrot)  
CG 4a-b: "& Treble Cleff" – FALSE (Ampersand)  
CG 5a-b: "# Pound Sign" – TRUE (NOT "Hashtag")  
CG 6a-b: ";" Winky Eyes" – FALSE (Semicolon)  
CG 7a-b: "\*" Star" – FALSE (Asterisk)

*Congratulate the students for a game "well played", and begin Rundown...*

"Ok, Alley. Everybody close your eyes. Let's pretend it's bedtime. You've taken your shower and even remembered to scrub behind your ears. Your teeth have been flossed, brushed, and

rinsed. You've already changed into your pajamas. Finally, you crawl into your bed, say your nightly prayers, and pull your covers up to sleep. Oh! And you turn on your lamp because, truth be told, you don't like the dark. Just as it gets quiet, your mom comes in to say goodnight and asks if you fed the dog."

"The truth is . . . you skipped that chore. Why? Well, the dog's food bowl is out by the garage . . . and right now between the front door and the garage there's about ten yards of terrible, mysterious darkness, potentially filled with creepy things that go bump in the night. Plus, you're ALREADY in full bedtime mode. The last things you want to do are to get out of bed and go outside into the dark. So you tell your mom, 'Yes. Of course, mother, I fed the dog.'"

"You lie. It's not your proudest moment, but it works. Your mom nods, kisses you goodnight, and in the morning, no one is any the wiser. Now open your eyes."

"Sometimes our lies can hurt others . . . even when we don't think it is possible. That's what I want us to look at today. This is the reality David learned one day when he was on the run from King Saul. Before we watch this week's episode, 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 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)***

"Let's take a look at this week's episode!"

***CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)***

"Instead of trusting God, David was trying to protect himself from another hungry day running away from King Saul. David never intended for his lie about that 'top secret mission' to hurt anyone. David was motivated by fear to protect himself. If David had been truthful, what would it have cost him? Ahimelek could have still helped him. Nothing was gained by telling the lie because David was still on the run. Now David's lie contributed to the murder of Ahimelek and his family."

"Isn't this true about us as well? When we lie, it is out of fear. We don't want people to look at us differently or think less of us. And we certainly don't want to be put in uncomfortable situations . . . like getting out of our comfy bed to go outside . . . in the dark . . . to feed the dog!"

“Often, we feel something bad could happen if we tell the truth. But if you tell a lie, there is a chance you could still suffer or someone else could suffer because of you lie. It’s important to point out that lies are not a victimless crime. You are not the only one who can get hurt when you tell a lie. Lies can hurt feelings, destroy trust, and break up friendships. Ultimately, my dog was one of the ones who suffered. That evening meal would have been the only food he’d get to tide him over until his next meal. If my mom learned I lied, she would have been hurt. And I doubt she would have trusted me the next time I said I fed my dog.”

“When we choose to lie out of fear, we are not trusting God’s plan. It should be our desire to trust God no matter what. Let’s talk more about this in our Small Groups.”

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“As you head to your Small Groups, ask yourself this question: When have you seen a lie hurt someone?”

“Grab a piece of paper and a pen for our worship time...”

**NOTE: Students will each get a sheet of paper and a pen. They will write “TRUE” beliefs about God on one half, and “FALSE” beliefs about God on the other.**

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