

Alley Rundown - May 19-20, 2018

Bible Story: Planting A Virus (Haman's Plot Against the Jews) • *Esther 3; 4:8b; 5:6-10; 6:6-11; 7:1-6, 9b-10*

Bottom Line: When you lie to help yourself, you hurt yourself instead.

Key Question: When are you tempted to lie?

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

NOTE: 3rd graders will be previewing The Alley this weekend!

CONNECT TIME: "Hacker" Game

"What's up Alley? Let's get started today with a Small Group game! I'm going to put a coded word up on the screen. At first, all of the letters of this word will be obscured. As time passes, random letters will be revealed one by one. If you and your small group think you know what the word is, ALL of you will have to stand up and scream "HACKER!" The first group to do this gets to have first guess at the word. If you get it right, your small group gets a point! If you get it wrong, a different small group will have the chance to answer! Make sense to everyone? Good! I'll also give you a helpful hint to start: all of the words will have *something* to do with computers. Let's go!"

CG: Game Video Slides

Play game. You will need to watch the small groups pretty closely to make sure the correct small group gets to guess in the correct order. If you have a large number of small groups and you want a clear winner, split the group into guys vs. girls or kids vs. SGL. WORDS: keyboard, motherboard, software, hacker, and graphics

"Excellent job, everyone! Let's get started with our talk today..."

Begin Rundown...

"You know, if I can be honest for just a minute, I don't always feel very cool. I know, I know. You're all surprised. When I hang around people who I know are really awesome (*like all of you Alley Kids*), I feel lacking sometimes. In fact, this feeling causes me to want to make up stories about myself to seem better than I really am. Have you ever felt the need to lie to seem cooler or more important or to impress someone else?"

"Maybe your buddy claimed he ate half a box of pizza last week. When you heard this, you blurted out a time when you ate 27 slices of pizza . . . in one sitting! It wasn't true, but everyone was impressed. Or maybe your friend told you about her upcoming trip to Six Flags [*or another attraction spot that your kids would be familiar with*] during summer break. This prompted you to talk about a time you and your cousin got locked inside Disney World overnight and got to ride all the rides . . . alone! Again, it wasn't true, but you felt important."

"You don't really *need* to lie . . . but you want the other person to think MORE of you. You want to seem IMPORTANT. Anyone relate to this? Well, we'll look at a story about a dude named Haman who lied to feel more important . . . and it didn't end so well for him. We'll take a look at his story in today's episode. Let's take a look!

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:30)

"This is an amazing story of courage for Esther. For Haman and all of us, it is a lesson on the perils of lying. So why do we lie? Like Haman, we want to look better and feel important. However, instead of looking cool, we look foolish. Haman chose dishonesty in an effort to get Mordecai to respect him. Was Haman successful? Not even close."

"When we make up stuff to get ahead, it doesn't work. What *does* work is trusting God's plan. Trust God to take care of your life without you padding your stories with artificial fluff."

"As we wrap up today, I want you to think about situations in life when you desire to be dishonest. In fact, as we split up to go to our Small Groups, think about this question."

CG: Key Question Slide

"When are you tempted to lie?"

"Before you all leave, let's take our offering and spend some time in worship..."

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 Worship Experience..."

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

NOTE: Students will stand up and sing a worship song. It is not required of them to do the motions, however please encourage all students to stand.