

Alley Rundown-July 21st-22nd, 2018

Bible Story: He Won't Back Down (Peter and John before the Sanhedrin) • *Acts 4:1-22; supporting Acts 3*

Key Question: How can you face challenges knowing Jesus is with you?

Bottom Line: When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.

Memory Verse: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6, NIV*

"Hey, hey guys and gals! Thanks for being here today! Today in The Alley we're going to talk about superpowers! How sweet would it be to have some super powers? Let's take a second to gather with some friends nearby and share what superpower you'd want if you could have only one."

Allows kids about a minute to discuss desired superpowers. Once groups finish, allow several kids to share.

"Life would be so much more interesting if we had superpowers. Think about some of the challenges we face and how superpowers could help! Traveling to see your grandmother over summer break would be so easier with teleportation. Deciding what to do for the talent show in front of your entire school would be simple with the ability to shapeshift. Playing basketball against that really tall kid wouldn't be so intimidating if you could super jump."

"What if I were to tell you that there is something even cooler than having a superpower—and you can have it? Would you think I'm crazy? Probably so. But God gives those who follow Jesus something—actually a *Someone*—who is way more awesome than a superpower. In fact, we're looking at a story in the book of Acts where Jesus' disciples showed the world what God had given them, and it was definitely a game changer. Let's take a look at this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 8:45)

"Peter and John healed a man who'd never been able to walk. When arrested, they spoke with such confidence in the face of such opposition, the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the same group of men who had condemned Jesus to death. Peter and John could have faced a similar outcome. Even knowing that, not once did they back down or regret any of their actions. Not once did they compromise their morals or beliefs. The reason? They were not alone. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help them. They had God living inside of them—way better than any superpower."

"If you're a follower of Jesus, you need to know that you're not alone either. The same Holy Spirit who helped Peter and John helps you as well! Jesus not only sent the Holy Spirit to His first disciples, but God gave His Spirit to all who follow Him. On your first day of school, Jesus is with you. Stepping onto the field for your first soccer game of the season, Jesus is with you. When people close to you are fighting, Jesus is with you. On both your darkest and brightest days, you are not alone. The Holy Spirit, God Himself, lives inside of you."

“Some of you have never made a decision to follow Jesus or you’re unsure Jesus is with you. If this is you, we want to encourage you today to talk with your mom or dad, or Small Group Leaders about what it means to follow Jesus. They will be able to help you find out what you need to believe so you, too, can have God’s Holy Spirit live inside you, too.”

“Every day we will face challenges. Today, think about how Jesus can change the way we face those challenges. In fact, as you head to your small groups, ask yourself this question.”

CG: Key Question Slide

“How can you face challenges knowing Jesus is with you? It’s a good one to think about and talk about! You’ll get the chance to discuss that along with all sorts of other things during Small Group. But before you head there, let’s take some time to worship God with our offering.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Nairobi Facts JPEG

“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. We have a picture of some fun facts about Nairobi where (*campus child*) lives! If you brought an offering today, you may place it in our Alley Offering Bin (*point children to location of bin*) when the video plays. 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 place their offerings in bin)

(Pray over Offering and Dismiss to Small Group)

NOTE: No Worship Experience this Week