

Alley Rundown - June 30-July 1, 2018

Bible Story: These Guys Aren't on Fire (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) • *Daniel 3*

Key Question: What does it mean to trust God?

Bottom Line: Trust that God is always with you.

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

CG: Future Force VBS Promo Video (Runtime: 1:00)

(Point students to look for VBS Central at your Campus to sign up for Future Force VBS. Cost is \$10)

Begin Rundown...

"What is UP party people!? What a good-looking group we've got here in the Alley today! Everybody looks like you slept really well last night! And I am happy to report: I did too! I slept like a baby."

Share an age-appropriate story about a time when you felt alone and scared. EXAMPLE Below.

"EXAMPLE: However, that was not always the case with me. When I was younger, I had a set of bunk beds. Anybody want to guess which bunk I claimed—the top or the bottom? (Allow response) That's right! I slept in the top bunk or "the bed in the sky," as I liked to call it! When my bedtime would come, I would snuggle deep into my covers and try my best to fall asleep, but more often than not, I would struggle to do just that. The only light in the room was my Buzz Lightyear night-light. Shadows in the night would grow and seemed to move from time to time. Noises in the night seemed extra spooky on the top bunk. I felt terrified and ALONE. But you wanna know the crazy thing? I was actually never ALONE. My brother would often interrupt most nights with his ear-splitting snores . . . from the bottom bunk. But that didn't matter. I had some pretty miserable, LONELY-feeling nights."

"Has anybody else had an experience where you felt alone . . . even though you weren't? (allow response) Maybe it wasn't because of a quiet, dark room, but I'm sure most of you have felt alone even though you were around people. When you walk into a new school, you are surrounded by people, but it's pretty easy to feel alone if you don't know anybody. Maybe you have a chance to win the basketball game at the buzzer, but you miss the shot. There may be a crowd of people all around you and your teammates on the court with you, but you still feel like you're all alone. Maybe your friend is passing out invitations to his or her birthday party. All of your OTHER buddies got one, but you were looked over. You feel *all alone*."

"You've probably heard people say, 'God is with you.' But if this statement is true, why do we experience times in life when we *feel* alone? Why is it hard to see God's face, hear His voice, or feel His presence when we feel alone and scared?"

"There were three guys in the Old Testament who knew all too well what it felt like to be surrounded by people and still feel alone. In fact, they had EVERY REASON to feel alone and

scared and everything to lose. However, they never acted alone or scared. Let's check out their story in this week's episode..."

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:30)

"I doubt you will have to defy any ruthless, Babylonian kings in your life, but you will face scary situations. Telling your friends that you're not allowed to watch a certain movie or play a certain game is scary. Starting a friendship with someone you don't know can be unnerving. Playing a new instrument at your first concert can be terrifying."

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego demonstrated that even in the face of fear you can still make wise choices. God is with you just like He was with our three brave characters. When you need to stand up for what's right, even when no one else is, take a deep breath then take the plunge because you are not alone. This kind of action requires trust."

"Let's take a moment to wrestle with this question..."

CG: Key Question Slide

"What does it mean to trust God? What does it look like to trust God when you're standing alone? What does it look like to trust God when you're scared? What does it look like to trust God when you're starting something new? I bet each of you can think of awesome ways to trust God in all situations. 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 us all an opportunity to worship God by giving our money generously. Here at (your campus), we give our offering to help support (your campus child) in Kenya. Here's a picture of where (your campus child) lives..."

CG: Picture of Kenyan Homes

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 place it in our offering box (*point to offering box and indicate location*). If not, that's ok too. You can bring an offering next week and place it in our offering box at any time while we're together here in the Alley. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him..."

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

(Pray over offering, the students and the week's lesson)

CG: Worship Experience (Runtime: 5:00)

Dismiss Children to Small Group