

Alley Rundown - November 10-11, 2018

Bible Story: We Could Be Heroes (Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites) • *Exodus 17:8-13*

Bottom Line: Work together to help someone succeed.

Key Question: Who could you work with to help someone succeed?

Memory Verse: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIV)

CONNECT TIME: This time is meant to engage your students, or “break the ice”, and develop relationships within your time together.

GAME: Hula Hoop Huddle

What You Need: Hula hoops (several per campus)

What You Do:

- **Place** several hula hoops on the floor, at least one hula hoop for every three kids.
- **Ask** kids to stand in the hula hoops. They can stand in any of the hoops, but they must have only one foot in the hula hoop, and no other part of their bodies may touch the ground outside the hula hoop.
- Once everyone has succeeded and is standing in a hoop, **remove** one hula hoop and repeat the activity.
- **Continue** until you only have one hula hoop remaining.
- **Challenge** kids to see how many they can fit in the one hoop.

What You Say:

“You did a great job working together and supporting each other. **[Transition]** Let’s get started on our talk today to hear a story about how the Israelites supported each other and worked together to succeed.”

Begin Rundown...

ALLEY CASH CALL: \$1 New Kids, \$1 Bible, \$1 Brought a First Time Guest, \$3 God Time Sheet

NOTE: Hand Out Alley Cash according to the above criteria.

“What’s up Alley? I’m so glad to be here with you all again today! You know, there is nothing finer than a really, **really** good band. For me, there’s no one better than (your favorite band/musical group). Now, I’m old, so you might be thinking . . . (Mockingly) ‘*[Your name]*, that is the #1 lamest thing you’ve ever said.’ But hear me out! They have a really cool lead singer named (his/her name). But that’s just it—EVERYONE knows their lead singer . . . but does ANYONE know the other members of the band? There’s the guy on the drums . . . and the dude with the guitar . . . and a keyboard player . . . a bass player, right? They probably have a bass player?”

“How is it fair that all the band members work **REALLY HARD** and collaborate to put together an album, yet the lead singer is always the one that’s front and center, getting all of the attention? How would you feel if you were the drummer? You’ve laid down this smooth but catchy beat, stayed up late night after night perfecting your rhythm, but it’s **ALWAYS** the front man on the talk shows and on the album cover? If there is a movie, it’s probably about the lead singer . . . not the man on keys . . . unless he’s the lead singer. You put in the work; it only makes sense that you want to get the credit!”

“Maybe you’ve felt like that in your life, too. You help your sister make a super cool birthday card for your grandma, but she only signs **HER** name on it! Not cool! Or you work with your mom to make brownies for her Bible study, but when they get passed out, no one thinks to thank **YOU!**”

“Everyone has times in his life when he didn’t get the credit he felt like he deserved. What if we aren’t always supposed to get the praise? What if it’s not always about us? What if God has us play support roles simply to help someone else?”

“Those are some pretty big questions. And like we often say, when we have a big question, the first place we should look for an answer is The Bible, God’s Word! And today is no exception. Let’s take a look at this week’s episode!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:25)

“If the Israelites were a band, Moses would have been the lead singer. Joshua would have been backup vocals and lead guitarist, while Aaron and Hur would have played percussion and bass, respectably. But no doubt, Moses would have received major praise for the win, and rightfully so, as he called upon God’s power to turn the tide of the battle. As long as *his* arms were up, team Israel would take the upper hand in the battle. But what about Joshua? Joshua was needed to lead the army on the battlefield. It was Joshua’s sword and his men risking their lives. It’s possible Joshua got some kudos as well from his men, as he was the general. But what about Aaron and Hur? Without supporting Moses’ arms, the stick would not have stayed aloft. It seems unlikely that Aaron and Hur got any thanks for their role. And you know what? That’s okay. Because sometimes God’s role for us is to stand in the BACKGROUND and help SOMEONE ELSE do well.”

“What if we tried working together to help someone else succeed? What if the job was not about us, but rather it was about helping someone else do really well? If you help your friend study for a test, the teacher isn’t going to give you credit for his or her ‘A.’ In fact, it’s possible no one will even KNOW about your efforts. Even, coaches don’t always get credit for leading their teams to victory!”

“Sometimes God’s role for us is to serve as the drummer . . . as the guitarist . . . or maybe even as the BASSIST . . . to prop up the lead singer and help him or her shine. It’s okay to be in the background for a little while. As you head to Small Group today, think about this.”

CG: Key Question Slide

“Who could you work with to help someone succeed? A friend, a complete stranger, a teacher? Who could you help? If you have a hard time thinking of someone, that’s okay, too! You’ll talk more about it in small group. Before we head there, let’s worship God with our offering and attention.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Kenyan Flag

“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 the Kenyan Flag 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*)

CG: Alley Offering Bin JPEG

...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, then play Worship Experience Video)

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

Supplies Needed: 2 Bags Full of Randomized Puzzle Pieces (per campus)

NOTE: Pick 2 "Team Captains". They will be in charge of their particular puzzle. Hand out an even amount of puzzle pieces (randomly, from both bags) to everyone else. Students will work together to try and help the captains be the first to complete their puzzle.

TIP: Use the Small Group Table(s) in your room. This activity will inevitably not be "perfect". Embrace the chaos of it, and have fun with the students as they worship God through cooperating together.