

Alley Rundown - November 17-18, 2018

Bible Story: Stand By You (Jesus Heals the Paralytic/Four Friends) • *Luke 5:17-26*

Bottom Line: Work together to help someone in need.

Key Question: Who do you know who needs help?

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.

“What’s up Alley? Let’s get started right away. I’ve got a little test that I’d like all of you to help me with today. I’m going to put a series of pictures up on the screen, and I’m going to ask some of you to tell me what you see. Don’t overthink it. I’m just wondering if we see the same image. Let’s start with an easy one . . .”

CG: Hidden Picture One (duck/rabbit)

“What do you see? (Pause for response) Tell me, do you see a DUCK? Or do you see a BUNNY? Raise your hand for bunny! (Pause for response) And raise your hand if you see a duck? (Pause for response) Hmm. Interesting! Let’s try another one.”

CG: Hidden Picture Two (faces/vase)

“What do you see? (Pause for response) How many of you see a beautiful, ornate vase? (Pause for response) Alright, and how many of you see two people facing each other? (Pause for response) Intriguing! Okay, I’ve got just one more for you.”

CG: Hidden Picture Three (young woman/old woman)

“What do you see? (Pause for response) How many of you see a young lady looking away? (Pause for response) I see . . . and how many of you see an old woman? (Pause for response) Fascinating answers!”

“Regardless of what you saw, in the end, no one was WRONG . . . everyone just had a different perspective! For some, you focused on one image while others saw something totally different.”

“Isn’t this just like life? There are times you walk into your bedroom and think, ‘This is perfection.’ You know exactly where everything is and everything is your treasured possession. On the other hand, your mom sees the exact same thing and calls it a mess. In a basketball game, you take a fading jump shot ten feet behind the three-point line at the start of the game and MAKE IT. You think you are the greatest basketball player of all time, and the made shot just proves it. Moments later the coach benches you for taking such a terrible shot even though it went in. Although everyone sees the same thing, people all have a different perspective.”

“Often times, we can only see OUR needs. We know what WE want. But sometimes, it’s a little harder to see what OTHERS might need in a given moment. The lunch lady’s serving up the last slice of pumpkin pie, your favorite! You want it SO BAD that you don’t even notice the dude behind you in line who’s got his eye on it, too. Or maybe you’ve been saving up because you really want the newest game for the Nintendo Switch. You’re so excited you’ve told all of your friends about your plans. However, you’re so fixated that you don’t notice you’re bumming out your friend because he or she can’t afford brand new video games.”

“We are all guilty of not always seeing the needs of others around us. But sometimes we do and we take action, like the guys we can read about in the book of Luke, the third book of the New Testament in our Bibles. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:30)

“A lot of the time, someone else’s need is closer than we think it is. It doesn’t have to be a stranger in a news special. It doesn’t have to be someone in another country! In reality, we can meet people’s needs in our very own neighborhoods and schools or even our own family! Together with your small group you can donate clothing to the local shelter. Together with your friends you can hang out with the new kid at your school! Together with your family you can serve a warm meal to new neighbors who don’t have family nearby.”

“But in order to do this, we must first see the need, keeping our eyes open for opportunities to help others and work with friends to make a difference.”

“As we head off to Small Group, think about the people and places you know, and ask yourself this question:”

CG: Key Question Slide

“Who do you know who needs help? Think about how together with friends, family, or even your small group you can make a difference in that person’s life. Before we head out, let’s spend some time worshipping God with our offering and attention.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Distance between Chicago and Nairobi 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 the distance between Chicago and Nairobi! That’s seems like forever away, but when we give our offering, it’s like we are reaching right into Nairobi to help out. 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 (Hebrews 13:16 NIV)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin as Worship Experience Video plays)

CG: Worship Experience (Runtime: 5:00)

NOTE: Students will stand and sing/dance along with the song “Dance” by Planet Shakers

Dismiss to Small Groups