

Alley Rundown - March 23-24, 2019

Bible Story: Faith My Eyes (Samuel and David) • 1 Samuel 16:7

Bottom Line: God wants me to see what really matters.

Key Question: Why is it important to look on the inside?

Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14, NIV)

CONNECT TIME: You're Such an Idiom!

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

Supplies Needed: Bag of Candy and Alley Cash (Alley Cash for any child who has allergies)

What You Do:

- **Gather** kids together.
- **Read** the idioms below.
- If kids know what the idiom means, **encourage** them to raise their hand.
- **Ask** the kid to stand up and give you the meaning.
- **Ask** the group if he or she is right. **Allow** kids to debate the meaning. **Encourage** them to use it in a sentence.
- **Give** Candy, or Alley Cash (for any allergies), to students who attempt to answer.
- After reading a few, **ask** kids what the statements have in common?
- Idiom statements:
 - From the bottom of my heart
 - A heart of gold
 - That breaks my heart
 - Cross my heart
 - Faint of heart
 - Put your heart into it
 - Heart's desire

Begin Rundown...

“Let’s get started with our talk today! How many of you have what I would call a morning routine? Like things you do to get ready every day before you head out of the door for school. Sure—lots of us do! Tell me, then, what are some of your morning routines?”

Pause for responses.

“Yeah, exactly, those are great! So let me tell you about my morning routine...”

Share your morning routine with the students.

“Now, my guess is that most of us do something similar . . . okay maybe not everything. . . but you have a routine. Why? Well, we want to look nice. We want to be presentable to others. We don’t want somebody to make fun of us because there is something in our teeth or because our hair is a crazy mess.

The truth is that *none of us* like to be judged by outward things, but have you ever noticed that a lot of times that is how we judge others? Like the table where we might sit at school . . . we want to be with the cool-looking kids. Or when we see somebody with nice clothes on . . . we might assume that he or she is an important person. We don’t like to be judged by what’s on the outside, yet at the same time WE often judge others by what’s on the outside. What do we do about that? That’s a good question. One that needs a good answer. Maybe this week’s episode can help. Let’s take a look...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:45)

“We spend a lot of time focusing on the outside, both in ourselves and in others. We work hard to make sure we look a certain way to others, and we often pay attention to and even decide certain things about other people based on how they look. But in this moment from David’s life, we see that God does things differently. He looks right past what is on the outside to what is on the inside. He looks to the heart. He looks to our thoughts and motives. He looks to our character and what we are becoming. He looks to who we REALLY are.”

“How would it change things if you tried to do this as well? Instead of judging people at your school by how they are dressed, what if you got to know them for who they really are on the inside? Or instead of spending so much time worrying about how people SEE you, what if you spend time focusing on what God already sees . . . your heart?”

“But why does seeing people like that matter? Honestly, because it matters to God. He created us and loves and sees us as His children. And because we are made in God’s image, we can reflect how He sees us in how we see others. We have the chance to look at and examine the things that are important to God. As you head to Small Group, think about this:

CG: Key Question Slide

“Why is it important to look on the inside?” Consider this question not only for yourself but also for how you see others. You’ll have a chance to talk more about this in Small Group. Before you go, let’s spend some time in offering and worship.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Kenyan Facts

“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 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)*

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)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)

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

Supplies Needed: Prayer Request and Praise Report Bags (1 set per Campus), Note Cards and Pens

NOTE: Students will write Praise Reports and Prayer Requests.

Dismiss to Small Group