

Alley Rundown - May 25-26, 2019

Bible Story: Learning to Fly (Fix Your Eyes on Jesus) • Hebrews 12:2-3

Bottom Line: Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.

Key Question: What can help you focus on Jesus?

Memory Verse: Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
(Isaiah 40:31 NIV)

CONNECT TIME: “Draw This!”

What You Need: Paper (1 sheet per student), markers, pens, “Draw This” Activity Page (1 per Campus)

What You Do:

- **Give** kids paper and markers.
- **Refer** to the “Draw This” Activity Page for ideas of what to draw. (Or if you’re particularly good at giving instructions, feel free to make up your own!)
- **Tell** kids to draw what you say.
- As kids draw, **encourage** them to guess what they are drawing. The kid who guesses correctly wins.
- To increase the challenge, **limit** each kid to one guess.

What You Say:

“You really had to focus on what I was saying to know what to draw. **[Transition]** Let’s get started today to hear what is the most important thing to focus on!”

Begin Rundown...

“Can you believe this is the last week of May?! I’ve had such a great month with you, and we have a great morning ahead of us today. And it starts with a video . . . check this out!”

CG: 3D video clip

Only play a little bit of the video and comment.

“Wow . . . it looks really blurry. Not that exciting. Hmm . . . but what if we try these!?”

Passes out 3D glasses.

“Let’s restart the video now that we can see properly!”

CG: 3D video clip

Communicator comments while the video is playing.

“(After video) That was awesome! Isn’t it amazing how much different things are when you can see the way you are supposed to?”

“Now, it is one thing when we’re talking about a 3D movie. But have you ever had a time in your life where you couldn’t see something properly—and I’m not just talking about blurry vision. In life, you may not see an experience or a moment in your life with the right perspective. Maybe you only see a situation through how it impacts you without thinking about how it might affect people around you. Or maybe you had a time where you lost sight of what really mattered. Not seeing things properly is something that happens to everyone at some point in his or her life. And when that happens, we need to find a new perspective and start seeing things differently. And to do that, we most often need to check in with God and discover how God wants us to see.”

“Last week, we read a verse from Hebrews 12:1. The writer of Hebrews talked about our relationship with God like a race.”

CG: Crowded Stadium

“The writer mentioned that we are surrounded by all of these people in the stands who have gone before us. They’re cheering us on, but we have to get rid of the things that will make it hard for us to run . . . maybe they are distractions . . . maybe it is sin. Let’s check the verse out again and then see what the writer says next.”

“(Read directly from Hebrews 12:1 NIV) ‘A huge cloud of witnesses is all around us. So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. And let us keep on running the race marked out for us.’”

“Cool, right? Now that we’ve started the race well, the question is now about how to finish the race well. How do we keep going when things get tough or when there are others telling us where to go? That’s where the next part of the verse comes in. Check this out.”

“(Read directly from Hebrews 12:2 NIV) ‘Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.’”

“The writer tells us that, if we’re going to run this race—if we’re going to live this life for God, we need to start by looking at Jesus. We do this by ‘fixing our eyes’ on Him. That’s what today’s episode is all about. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“I’m guessing some of you are going through some things right now that are really tough. Maybe you feel disappointed or really discouraged. Maybe you feel anxious or overwhelmed. Sometimes that is all we can see, too.”

“This life can be tough. The race can be hard. But remember there are so many people cheering you on, and Jesus is there with you showing you the way! What it takes sometimes is adjusting our focus and making sure we are looking in the right direction. We’ve talked about a few things that can take away our focus. Today as you go to groups, think about this question:

CG: Key Question Slide

“What can help you focus on Jesus?” In other words, what can you be doing to better help you fix your eyes on Jesus? Think about what reminders you can put around your room or in

your school notebooks that can prompt you to think about Jesus. Think about your friends and how they can help encourage you to fix your eyes on Jesus. You'll talk all about this in Small Group. Before you head out, let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross and come back to life to make it possible for us to have a relationship with God! Let's pray that God will help us fix our eyes on Jesus and trust Him with our entire lives. Let's pray."

Lead group in a prayer then take up Offering and lead Worship Experience.

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Kenyan 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 Kenya 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 (Acts 20:35)

Invite students to place their offering in the bin at this time

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

Supplies Needed: Note Cards, Pens, "Prayer Request" and "Praise Report" Bags

NOTE: This week, students will fill out prayer requests ("Please Jesus") and praise reports ("Thank You Jesus")

Dismiss to Small Groups.