

Alley Rundown - August 31-September 1, 2019

Bible Story: Dream On (Jacob's Dream) • *Genesis 28:10-22*

Bottom Line: You can trust God no matter what.

Key Question: What makes God trustworthy?

Memory Verse: Trust in the **Lord** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...
(Proverbs 3:5 NIV)

CONNECT TIME: I Got Your Back!

What You Need: Foam Balls (1 per pair of students), Stack of Alley Cash (1 per service)

What You Do:

- **Pair** kids up.
- **Instruct** pairs to sit back-to-back.
- **Give** each team a ball and **instruct** teams to hold the ball between their backs.
- **Challenge** teams to lock arms and stand up, holding the ball between them. The first team to stand up while still holding the ball between them wins \$1 in Alley Cash each.
- **Repeat** with different pairs, or as time allows.

What You Say:

"You had to have each other's back during this activity. **[Transition]** Let's get started on our talk today to hear about who you can trust to have your back all the time."

Begin Rundown...

"As we start a new month together, I have a question for you. What are some things you trust? What do you count on to come through for you throughout the day? Turn to someone near you and talk about it."

Turn and share.

(After a time of sharing) "Great. Now how about this one? WHO are some people you trust? In other words, whom do you count on to come through for you each day? Talk about that together."

Turn and share. After a time, pull everyone back together. Have a few kids share with the whole group if time allows.

"So why are these things trustworthy? Why are these people trustworthy? I wonder how much of that is because we can see them. We trust chairs to hold us up. We trust our phones to make calls or send texts to our friends. We trust that our belt will keep our pants up! Same goes for people, right? We see our mom or dad and trust that they'll take care of us. We see our teachers and trust they'll help us learn. We see our Small Group Leaders and trust that we'll have a fun time together in The Alley. But what about trusting things we can't see. Like God. Do you ever have trouble trusting God because you can't see Him? I know that can be tricky for me sometimes!"

"Today, let's go back to the beginning to a story we find in Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament of our Bibles. In Genesis, we discover a guy named Abraham, who will be the father of the nation of Israel. God had made this huge promise to Abraham that He would bless him and give him descendants like the stars in the sky. God would also give him a land to call his own where this nation could live. After some time and a lot of answer prayers, Abraham had a son named Isaac. Isaac and his, wife Rebekah, eventually had twin boys named Esau and Jacob. So cute. But let's be honest—from the start these boys didn't get along very well. That's what our episode is all about today. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:30)

“God made some pretty incredible promises to Jacob’s family. Jacob learned time and time again that he could count on God, that God was trustworthy. God kept that promise to Jacob, and he had A LOT of kids. Jacob’s name was changed to Israel . . . and his family really started to shape into a great nation. But remember what God had promised, that He would bless the entire world through the Israelites? So how would He do that with this nation? Well many years later, another descendant would come from Jacob’s family line. His name is Jesus . . . and it’s through Jesus that God would keep His promise to bless the whole world! Isn’t that amazing?”

“God has a loooooooooooooong track record of trust. God has been keeping promises since the beginning of creation, and I don’t think He has plans of stopping anytime soon. You can trust Him when you feel alone. You can trust Him when life doesn’t make sense. You can trust Him when your family feels a little bit like Jacob’s family. You can trust Him when you’re feeling stressed or overwhelmed. You can trust God no matter what.”

“Today as you head to groups, I want you to think about this question.

CG: Key Question Slide

“What makes God trustworthy? Think about how God has kept promises throughout the Bible, and think about your own life, too. God is always working through our circumstances, and we can trust that He’ll take care of us. You’ll have a chance to talk more about this in your Small Groups, but before you head there, let’s pray and thank God for being Someone we can trust no matter what.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering time and worship experience, then dismiss kids to Small Group.

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Nairobi 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 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 offerings in bin)

CG: Worship Experience Video (Runtime: 6:00)

NOTE: Students will stand and sing “Strong” as performed by Parkview Worship Band. Sing along with the song, and demonstrate a heart of worship to your group.

Dismiss to Small Groups.