

Alley Rundown - October 5-6, 2019

Bible Story: Basket Case (Moses Is Born) • Exodus 2:1-10 (Supporting: Exodus 1)

Key Question: What do you worry about?

Memory Verse: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9 NIV)

CONNECT TIME: "Phobia Pop Quiz"

NOTE: You will begin this Rundown with students divided into their Small Groups.

Supplies Needed: Dry Erase Board and Marker (1 per Small Group Cart)

"Hey guys and gals. By a show of hands, how many of you have fears? (Pause for response) That's about what I expected! Everybody I know is scared of *something*. Circle up with your Small Groups and quickly name one thing you fear."

Allow a minute for Small Groups to discuss their fears.

"Wow! I'm hearing some fears that definitely give me the creeps, too! I know people who have a fear of the dark, a fear of mice, a fear of snakes, and a fear of large crowds. All of my friends with fears have one thing in common: they don't want to be scared of those things!"

"Let's do something different today. Before we dive too deeply into our talk today, let's test your knowledge on fear. Every small group has a dry erase board and a marker in their cart. We'll put some specific fears on the screens using their scientific names . . . in other words, phobias. When you see a specific phobia displayed, write down your best guess of its definition. For example, if you see the word arachnophobia, you'd write 'fear of spiders' on your boards. Some of these words may be difficult, but you're smart. Just give your best guess. Make sense? (Pause for response.) Great! Let's go to our first word."

CG: Phobia 1a

"It's a big word! What does bibliophobia mean? Everyone take a second to discuss the meaning of this word with your small group. Once you have a guess, write it down."

Allow a moment for groups to discuss and write down the definition. Have all the groups hold up their dry erase boards at the same time and read them out loud if time permits.

"Those were some good guesses . . . and some terrible guesses. Let's see what it is."

CG: Phobia 1b

"Bibliophobia is the fear of books! Let's move on to the next word."

Simply go through the list of words as time permits. Read off definitions from dry erase boards. End on Atychiphobia to tie into our story.

CG: Phobia 2a
CG: Phobia 2b

CG: Phobia 3a
CG: Phobia 3b

CG: Phobia 4a
CG: Phobia 4b

CG: Phobia 5a
CG: Phobia 5b

CG: Phobia 6a
CG: Phobia 6b

"The correct answer for Atychiphobia is the fear of failure! Great job to all of our small groups for your participation."

Begin Rundown...

"The interesting part of fear is its ability to prevent you from taking action. Think about it. Your fear of heights could prevent you from taking a picture atop the Sears/Willis Tower in the glass Sky Deck regardless of the hype. A fear of toads might keep you away from the creeks around your house regardless of how much fun you could have. Maybe you would finally go to the circus if clowns weren't so incredibly terrifying."

"Missing out on fun in the creek or skipping the circus are pretty inconsequential. I mean, it's not that big of a deal if you miss out. But what if your fear prevents you from doing what you really, really want to do or, even worse, keeps you from doing what's right? For example, what if you refuse to try out for the sport you really want to play because you're afraid you won't make the team? What if you opt out of this year's talent show because you are afraid others will laugh at your mistakes? What if you really want to do something to stop the bully from picking on your friend, but you're too afraid to do anything because the bully may turn on you?"

"Fear can have the ability to cause you to miss out or miss opportunities to do what's right. But what would life look like if we could override fear and choose to do what needs to be done even if we don't know what will happen next? Wow! That's a great question. When we have a question like that, it's good to start in a place where we can find some great answers—the Bible. That's exactly where we're headed today. Let's take a look at this week's episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:45)

"Every single one of us in this room will face difficult situations that seem scary. Most likely, you will recognize the wise path to proceed, but it might be hard to follow through. If you want to find courage, think about what makes you worry. In fact, as we get ready to head to small groups, think about this one question . . ."

CG: Key Question Slide

“What do you worry about? What fears are causing you to miss out? When you know what might make you scared, you can figure out a plan to overcome that fear. Don't let fear keep you from doing something that could have a big impact. You'll get the chance to talk all about this in Small Group. Before you head there, let's take a second to pray together. God can give you the courage you need to move forward. Let's pray.”

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

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“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. 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

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)

NOTE: No Worship Experience this week due to Connect Time

Dismiss to Small Groups