

# Alley Rundown - October 19-20, 2019

**Bible Story:** Break on Through (Israel Goes Through the Red Sea) • *Exodus 13:17-14:31*

**Bottom Line:** You can do what you should, even when things seem impossible.

**Key Question:** How do you respond when things seem impossible?

**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: Record Time!

**Supplies Needed:** Chopsticks (2 sets per service), Jelly Beans (Bowl of 50 per service), Sticky Notes (1 pad of 100 per service), Mr. Potato Head (1 per Campus), and Blindfold (1 per Campus)

"Welcome one and all to The Alley! All of you should be really, REALLY pleased with yourselves for being here today. In fact, everyone raise your right hand high in the air. *(Pause for response.)* Great. Now pat yourself on the back for making the decision to be present for this RECORD BREAKING day!"

"YES! That's right, people. You heard me correctly. Today we will attempt to break RECORDS! And no, I'm NOT talking about a wittle-bitty city record or a teeny-tiny state record. In fact, we are NOT attempting a paltry national record. Today—on this very day—we will be attempting to break WORLD RECORDS. Yes! Those records—as in those records recorded at the *Guinness Book of World Records*!"

"Yep! Before me *(gesturing toward the kids)*, we have tons and tons of potential world record breakers! On this day, we will not call on adults for the chance to enter the record books. Rather we will call on some of YOU!"

"Here's how it will work. On the table behind me, we have index cards with records of specific activities you can attempt to break. You will have the chance to choose your card and try to immortalize your name in the record books FOREVER! Make sense? Anybody want to brave the stage and try to break a record?"

*Select three volunteers and brings them forward. Kids select which record to attempt to break. "Easy" world records could include the following . . .*

## SFX: High-energy game music

- *Most Jelly Beans eaten with chopsticks—Using chopsticks, volunteer will attempt to eat as many jelly beans as humanly possible in one minute. Only one hand can be used. Extra hand must be behind the back. Record = 30 jelly beans*
- *Most sticky notes on the face—In one minute, volunteer must attempt to stick as many sticky notes to his or her face. The sticky notes must measure 73mm on each side to be legit. Cannot attach sticky notes to eyelids. Record = 58 sticky notes.*
- *Most leapfrog jumps in 30 seconds by a team of two—Volunteer must get a partner from the audience. The two must leapfrog like crazy for 30 seconds. Record = 32 jumps*
- *Fastest time to assemble Mr. Potato Head while blindfolded—Wearing a blindfold, volunteer should completely assemble a Mr. Potato Head with all pieces in their proper, anatomically correct positions. Record = 6.62 seconds*

"Great attempts! Wow! Those incredibly random human records may be a little more difficult than I initially thought. I really thought we would break a couple of them! Regardless, great job to all of our volunteers! Let's celebrate their attempts with lots of high fives! *(Pause for response.)* While you're at it, let's get a drumroll going for our topic today!"

### *Begin Rundown...*

“Ok Alley. So, I’m wondering what you all would consider as something impossible?” (*Allow response*)

“Let’s think about impossible tasks for a couple of minutes. In life, we will face situations that are very difficult . . . some might say impossible. These situations happen at home, school, on vacation, over holidays, all sorts of places, really. These are the times when the electricity goes out and you are supposed to get some sleep without your nightlight—not that anybody uses a nightlight in here. Or when your best friend really, really wants to ride a roller coaster with you and you are deathly afraid of heights. These situations seem like they’re impossible!”

“Impossible means it can’t be done. There is no chance. It’s completely and utterly hopeless! These are situations where we are forced to brave the stage of life and either do something or give up all together. As you reflect on the difficult situations you’ve endured, what did you do? How did you react? Did you charge straight toward the impossible task or avoid it all together? And when you do face impossible situations, how are you *supposed* to respond?”

“When we face these sorts of situations, it’s easy to give up. But there’s actually a better way. We don’t have to fear what seems impossible. Let’s take a look at this week’s episode for more!”

### **CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:30)**

“For the Israelites, this story is a roller coaster of emotions. They start out as slaves in a hopeless situation. God freed them from slavery after centuries of captivity. Imagine their excitement. Then they journeyed to the Red Sea, and the Egyptian army quickly approached from behind. No doubt they began to feel hopeless again because they were trapped. It would be impossible for them to swim across the Red Sea and just as impossible to fight a highly trained Egyptian army. Then God did what only God could do. He rescued his people by splitting the Red Sea into two allowing them to walk to freedom on dry land.”

“Imagine with me the bravery required to take that first step through the divided waters. The Israelites would have been looking at a wall of water to their left and right. The Bible makes no mention of them panicking or giving up. They simply put one foot in front of the other as they journeyed to safety.”

“This story is an incredible reminder of the strength and power and love of our God! Nothing is impossible for Him. God loved us and even made a way to rescue us from the consequences of our sin when He brought his only Son, Jesus, back from the dead!”

“You can trust God no matter what scary situation you are facing. Your parents aren’t getting along. That one kid won’t leave you alone. The neighbor’s dog scares you every time you get off the bus. Whatever it may be, talk to God and ask Him to help you have courage. He does impossible better than anyone!”

“We can’t control every scary situation we face. However, we can control our responses. We could scream or run or call an adult or go to God. As we head to Small Groups, think about this . . .”

### **CG: Key Question Slide**

**“How do you respond when things seem impossible?”** When you start to understand how you respond in situations like this, you can start to see how God can help you choose a better way to respond. What you face may seem impossible, but you don’t have to go through it alone. You can trust God no matter what. You have a great Small Group Leader and friends here in The Alley who care for you and will be there for you. You’ll talk about this more in groups, but for now, let’s all pray together and thank God for showing up to do the impossible.”

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard then lead offering and dismiss 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*