

# Alley Rundown—November 14th-15th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** I Want It That Way (King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard) *1 Kings 21:1-19, 27*

**Today's Key Question:** What can you do when you find yourself wanting more and more?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Wanting more and more can make you miserable.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15 NIV)

**CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos**

## **ICE-BREAKER ACTIVITY: Duck, Duck, Cycle**

**Supplies Needed:** Sand Buckets (3-4 Different Colors per Campus), Bin of Small Rubber Duckies

“Yo! What’s up, everyone? Let’s have a show of hands. How many of you have ever gone for a ride on a bike, scooter, Plasma Car, Big Wheel, or anything that rolls without a motor? (Pause for response) Most of us have! Has anybody ever gone for a ride and needed to dodge flying objects like rain, bugs, or trash? (Pause for response) There’s a few who know what I’m talking about. Today we are going to start our time together with a game we like to call DUCK, DUCK CYCLE! Let’s play!”

**SLIDE: Duck, Duck, Cycle**

“To play DUCK, DUCK CYCLE, I will divide you into 3 teams (2 if your Service has a low amount of Kids), and everyone will spread out and sit down and follow along with the Screen. If the Screen Shows a Bike...

**SLIDE: Bike Image**

You stay seated and pedal in place.

If the Screen Shows a Bucket, you pass the bucket SOFTLY to the person behind you...

**SLIDE: Bucket Image**

And finally, the FUN part, if the Screen Shows a Rubber Duckie...

**SLIDE: Rubber Duckie Image**

I will toss a Rubber Duckie toward the person holding your Team’s Bucket, and they have to stay seated and catch it in their Bucket. The Team with the most Rubber Duckies in their bucket at the end of the game WINS! Any questions? (Pause for response) Great! Let’s play DUCK, DUCK CYCLE!”

**CG: Duck, Duck, Cycle VIDEO with Music**

"That was awesome! All of you demonstrated great skill pedaling while working together to catch the ducks. WAHOO! Give it up for our DUCK DUCK CYCLE CHAMPION, [name of winning team]."

*Begin Rundown...*

"Hey, everybody! When I look out at this awesome group today, I am reminded that God has made us all very differently. Your hobbies and interests are going to be a little different than the person next to you. While one likes to draw, another loves to wrestle. While one collects unicorns, the other collects toasters . . . what? It could happen! Speaking of collecting, when I was younger, I collected..."

*Take a moment to share a personal collection you collect/collected.*

How about you? Does anybody have a collection of cards, trinkets, or anything? (Pause for response) Cool! What do you collect?"

*Poll the kids to find out what they collect.*

"Nice! Those sound like great collections! You keep telling yourself you need just one more. You never have enough. So you get that one more. Every single one of us, myself included, do this! We may have a closet full of shoes, but when they drop that new kick, we don't just want it . . . we NEED it! Our drawer may be PACKED full of Nerf guns, but the minute the new, MORE POWERFUL Nerf gun is released, we go bananas! Each year on our birthday or Christmas, we ask for more no matter how much we already have. Not because we don't have enough, but because we've told ourselves we need just one more."

"I think it is important to say owning things is not bad. Collecting items like Pokemon cards, unicorns, or toasters is not wrong! But at what point do we say we have enough? When do we look all the things we own and say, 'I have enough' or 'I don't need anymore'? Or does this never happen? Do we grow up acquiring and accumulating to no end? And what does it matter anyway? What are the consequences to wanting more and more to add to your collections?"

"These are important questions. Thinking about them is definitely worth our time. A great place to start when it comes to questions like this is the Bible. In the Bible we find all sorts of wisdom that can help us understand God's plan for life—including how we can find contentment. Let's head to one of those stories now with the help of this week's Episode!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 15:00)**

"You know Alley, it is ok to want things. But Ahab wanted the vineyard so badly that it made him miserable! This story is an extreme situation, but if we reflect on our lives, I'm guessing we could all come up with several examples of times we were upset because we wanted one more thing! Looking forward to getting something new isn't bad. It can give us something to work toward or look forward to. But when you want more and more and more and more, it can make you feel like Ahab—miserable. Maybe adding one more bike to your fleet (*referencing the stage props*) is not the answer."

"You know, Jesus was speaking to a crowd once and said,"

*Open the Bible to Luke 12:15 (NIV) and read.*

*“Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.”*

“Jesus recognized true satisfaction is not found in things! Rather, our satisfaction and contentment are found in God! The things we own and possess are temporary while our relationship with God is forever. When we reflect on all that God has provided for us, it will sow seeds of contentment. Living a life reflecting on what you do not have and ignoring God’s blessings will leave you like Ahab—miserable. Think about how this might impact your own life. As we head to our groups, think about this.”

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**“What can you do when you find yourself wanting more and more?** When you are unable to get the item you really want, it can impact your feelings and emotions. It has the potential to make you bitter and even jealous. Today we will dive a little deeper into this topic with our Small Group Leaders! Let’s pray to thank God for all we do have and ask for help learning to be content.”

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

**OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor