

# Alley Rundown—November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** You Make Me Brave (Joshua and Caleb) • *Numbers 13–14*

**Today's Key Question:** What are people afraid of?

**Today's Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIV)

## CG: *Dude Perfect Filler Videos*

“Hey, friends! It’s so great to see you today! This month we are going to learn about having courage when we are faced with fears. The truth is, when it comes down to it, we’re all scared of something. We’ll all face moments when we need to find courage to face something that seems to stand in our way. Actually, that gives me an idea. Turn to your neighbor and tell each other something that makes you feel scared—doesn’t have to be too serious.

*Give kids a few moments to share their fears with each other.*

“Let’s hear from you! What are some of the things that make you feel scared?

*Ask them to share a few of their fears and write them down on the board if you have one in your environment.*

“These are definitely some of the biggest fears around: thunder storms or lightning, close spaces and elevators, roller coasters, snakes and creepy-crawly bugs, and even presenting a project in front of your class. Many people who find themselves in situations like those will need a good dose of courage to get through them.

“Now, if you haven’t guessed it already, this month we’re discovering a little bit more about how to conquer our fears with a bit of courage. We’ll talk about courage like this: being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you are afraid.

“Think about it. If you’re alone in your room when the thunderstorm hits, you might be scared out of your mind and run as quickly as you can to a parent. But if you’re in the room with a younger sibling, you might find you have more courage than you thought because you’re trying to make your sibling feel safe.

“You might be completely scared of spiders, but maybe your friend is MORE scared of spiders. So when you see one crawling around your classroom, you take one of the team, grab a tissue, and squash it.

“In either of those cases, doing the right thing, which in this case is helping a sibling or good friend—you find some courage and do what needs to be done.”

“Those might make sense to you, but what happens when it feels like you’re the only one choosing to show courage and do the right thing? Then what? Let’s be honest, when everyone around you is scared, it’s hard to be the only one trying to be brave. It’s easier to play along with everyone else’s fears and doubts. Nobody wants to be the only person who disagrees, especially when faced with a scary situation.”

“For the past few months, we’ve been following God’s Big Story from the very beginning in Genesis. You might remember how we talked about the beginning of God’s people—the Israelites. We talked about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And last month, we saw how God used Jacob’s son, Joseph, to save them from a famine. But then, Pharaoh enslaved God’s people. God saw them. God loved them. And then God called a very important guy named Moses. He’s who our story is about today. Let’s learn some more with the help of this week’s Episode!”

## CG: *Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)*

"What a story! You know, sometimes it's hard for me to understand how the spies couldn't find their courage in God's power. Honestly, though, when you really think about it, being the only one to have courage can't be easy for anyone. Caleb and Joshua were ready to take on giants while the entire Israelite nation stood back in fear. The two men said what was unpopular, but they did what was right. They trusted God no matter what. This is just like Jesus. Throughout His entire ministry, Jesus stood against the popular ideas of what it meant to follow God. It's our responsibility to follow Jesus' example as we stand up for what's right—even when it's scary, even when we are the only ones showing courage.

"Maybe you might have a moment when you'll be the only one standing up to a crowd. Maybe some of your friends will be part of that crowd. You know—when your friends are talking about someone behind their back or when they are thinking about hurting someone's feelings. Someone must stand up for what's right! What if that someone was you? Maybe you can be the one to ask an adult for help and stand up for what's right and help the people who need it most."

"This isn't easy. Thankfully, you have some great friends in Small Group who can help you. As you head there, think about this question:

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**[Key Question] What are people afraid of?** Often the best way to start thinking about courage and standing up for what's right starts with thinking about why people get scared and make not-so-great choices in the first place. Maybe people are scared they won't have friends, so they go along with the crowd. Maybe they're scared of getting a bad grade, so they ask you to help them cheat. There could be all sorts of fears behind how people act. But it's in those moments God can give you courage to face your own fears and make the wise choice. You'll talk more about this with your group. Before you head out, though, let's pray and ask God to give us courage and stand up for what's right. Let's pray."

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

**OFFERING:**

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

**CG: Eli and Mandy**

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here's a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

**SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)**

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!

**SLIDE: Alley After Hours**

*Finally, the Friday we've been waiting for is almost here! Alley After Hours is this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to get registered for this fun event open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Bring your friends, bring cash for candy and slushies, and get ready for our glow room, crafts, jumpy's, scavenger hunt, prizes and... of course, sliming one of your leaders to end the night. Don't miss it!*