

ALLEY Rundown – June 7- 8, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Give Peace a Chance (Saul and Barnabas) • *Romans 12:18*

Today's Key Question: What does it mean to live in peace?

Today's Bottom Line: Live in peace with one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.*
Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)

CENTRAL SUPPLIES: Beach Balls (4), Cones (2)

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey there, campers! I am excited for another week at camp Live It Out as we discover how to live like Jesus! Camp just isn't camp without some good, old-fashioned relay races, and we have a fun one today called 'The Squeeze & Run Relay'!

SLIDE: *"The Squeeze & Run Relay"*

I need eight volunteers who think they have the skills to win a pretty wild race. Who's in?

*Host chooses 8 volunteers and introduces them to the group. Ask the rest of the group to move to either side of the room so it's safe for the volunteers to race. *If you don't have 8 kids, make smaller teams.*

Alright, let's get you into two teams of four. Now, pair up within your teams. The first pair from each team will place this beach ball between you and squeeze. That's because once you squeeze it between you, you are no longer allowed to touch the beach ball with your hands. If you touch it or it drops, pick it up and return to the starting line. You and your partner need to keep the ball pressed between you and walk or run all the way down, around the cone, and then back. You can then hand the ball to the next set of partners. Each pair will go twice. The first team to race down and back four times wins. Got it? Let's do this, people! On your mark, get set, GO!

Audio: *Fun background music*

You know, this time of year is great for camping, but it's also good for doing something else . . . watching movie blockbusters! On a super-warm day, there's nothing like sitting in an air-conditioned movie theater with a bag of popcorn and box of sour candies and watching the latest superhero movie.

Which got me thinking: How well do you think you know some famous superheroes? (*Get responses.*) Okay, I hear you, but let me ask you . . . do you know enough to name their archenemy? Their fiercest rival?

"Let's see if you can do it. On the screen, the name of a hero will appear on the left side. Turn to your neighbor and tell them who that hero's rival is. I will then reveal the answer on the right. See if you get

it. Let's try it out!

Each set of heroes and rivals is two slides: A is just the hero, B has the hero and the rival. Show the A slide and give kids a chance to respond. Show the B slide to see how many of them said them correctly.

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #1a & 1b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #2a & 2b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #3a & 3b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #4a & 4b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #5a & 5b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #6a & 6b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #7a & 7b

SLIDE: Hero/Rival #8a & 8b

Well done! Some of you really know your blockbuster movie characters. One more question?

SLIDE: Question mark

Who are we missing? Who is a hero and archenemy pair you would add to this list?

Allow for responses.

There are a lot of heroes and villains, aren't there? It's amazing that we can remember all these characters from movies, TV shows, and books who are always fighting and trying to get the best of the other person."

SLIDE: Theme Background

All that fighting might make for a good storyline in a movie or book but just imagine living like that! I don't know about you, but all of that fighting and arguing would be absolutely exhausting—which makes me wonder. Why do we as humans spend so much time arguing with each other? Why can't we figure out how to live in peace with one another?

Maybe it's because when it comes to peace, we might think it's just the absence of fighting or not arguing. Like, if everyone would just STOP fighting, we could have peace! But maybe there's more to it than that? Maybe there's something we can do to create and keep peace, something more active than just not fighting and ignoring the problems we have with each other. But if so, what does that look like?

These are important questions for us to think about. Thankfully, we have the most amazing place we can find some answers. Well, it's not really a place . . . but a book filled with other books, letters, poems, and stories. Of course, I'm talking about the Bible. The Bible is a collection of writings about people and their relationships and interactions with God. God inspired people to write down what happened so other people like us could learn from them as we experience God for ourselves. Let's see what we can find in the Bible to help us answer our questions about peace.

VIDEO: The Show and So Show (16:41)

The good news is we're not alone when we're trying to love like Jesus. God is at work in each one of us to make us more like His Son. When we put our faith in Jesus and follow Him, God sends the Holy Spirit to live WITHIN us! And peace is actually a gift that comes from God's Spirit . . . Paul wrote about that later on in another one of his letters. We can ask God to help us live in peace and bring peace wherever we go!

When you find yourself in a tough spot or a tense moment, maybe try pausing and taking a breath. Then pray and ask God to give you the kind of peace only God can give. And when you see someone who is hurting, ask God to help you bring peace to their life. It may look like talking to them, being a listening ear, or asking a trusted adult to help you out.

When you know Jesus is with you, you can Live It Out and work toward living in peace with everyone!" As you go to your groups today, think about this:

SLIDE: Key Question

What does it mean to live in peace? Think about times when you have experienced peace in your relationships. You can also think about the times when you wish there could have been peace in a difficult situation. This will be something you'll chat more about with your Small Group. But before you go, let's pray and ask Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to help us live in peace with others!

SLIDE: Theme Background

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard.

SLIDES: Offering pics 5-8 (scroll through while describing the mission)

Each week in the City we collect money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need. We are giving the money we collect to a church called La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay).

La Liberte' Church is in the Republic of Congo which is in Africa. Here are some pictures of the great work the church is doing to teach kids about Jesus. The kids at the church live in an area where they don't have a lot of money and sometimes don't have a lot of food for their family. When the kids come to church on Sunday, they feed them a hot meal. They feed around 700 children every weekend and each meal costs \$2.00. Our goal is to help feed as many kids as we can

SLIDE: Theme

CG: Summer JAM Slide

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends!