

ALLEY Rundown – August 16 - 17, 2025

Bible Story: God Chooses Abram • *Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6*

Conversation Starter: What does it look like to trust God?

Bottom Line: You can trust that God has a plan.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

Central LG Supplies: (Play money and 3 elastic sticky hands per service)

Campus Supply: table

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

What's up? We are here with week three of 'Origin Story,' where we're learning more about our origin story with God! But before that, let's play a game!

This month our theme has been all about superheroes. This week, the game is themed around very stretchy girl! Who do you think it is? *(Pause for responses.)*

If you've ever heard of Elasti-Girl, then you probably already know that she can stretch herself really far, so she can do things really fast. Like if some bad guys robbed a bank, she could knock the money right out of their hands and then grab it up and get it to the police before they even knew what happened. So, I guess the only question is . . . who's ready to train like Elasti-Girl?

Choose three kids to be up front. Have them stand behind a table covered in play money, facing the audience. Give them each an elastic hand to use.

Okay, when I say 'go', you're going to use your elastic hand to grab the money and bring it back to your other hand. You'll work together as a team to get all the money so you can get it back to its rightful owner. Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* Okay, let's get started in 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . GO!"

SFX: *Upbeat music*

Cheer on the kids and provide funny commentary as they go. Once all the money has been gathered, celebrate all the kids who played as they go back to their seats.

That was incredible! And now I know who to call if I ever need some Elasti-help!

Have you ever been asked to do something really hard in your life? Have you ever been asked to do something you didn't know you could handle?

This week, we're going to look at the story of a couple who was asked to do something really hard! When they first got the assignment, they might have wondered if they could do it too.

But before we dive into their story, let me tell you about something awesome we're doing this year! We're going to read through key stories each week so we can learn the big story God is telling in the Bible. At the end of the year, our intention is to have learned more about God, since that's one of the important reasons He gave us the Bible in the first place!

We're going through God's Big Story! (*Gesture to slide.*)

SLIDE: God's Big Story

This week, we're still in the very first book of the Bible, Genesis, which tells about the beginning. In the beginning, there was nothing. Then God created *everything*—the heavens, the Earth, and every living thing on the Earth: animals, plants, oceans, and finally us!

But Adam and Eve, the first people God created, sinned. Sin is anything that goes against God and His ways—who He is or what He has said. When Adam and Eve sinned, they ushered in a curse of sin that affected them and everyone who would live after them.

Last week we talked about one man who did choose to follow God in a world of evil—a man named Noah. After the flood, Noah and his family quickly spread throughout the Earth. But sadly, just like before the flood, most people chose not to follow God. Even then, God had a plan to save everyone.

God's plan began with a couple, Abram and his wife Sarai. Abram and Sarai didn't know it, but a key part of God's plan to rescue everyone was going to start with them! We're going to look at their story today. And their story is the one where God asked them to do something really hard.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (14:12)

When we think of Abraham and Sarah, we can remember that even though they weren't always faithful to God, He was always faithful to them.

This week, we saw how God had made some big promises to Abraham and Sarah, including one where they would have a child. They had to wait a long, long time for God to make that promise come true. Sometimes Abraham and Sarah acted faithfully, sometimes they didn't. But as we see, God was faithful. He did just what He said He was going to do, because He always does.

As you go to your small groups, think about this question.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

What does it look like to trust God? Maybe it's just walking in faith when you know you are supposed to do something. It could even be if you have a big problem happening in your life, you can trust that God will do what He says He will do. Another way is to pray, you can trust that when we talk to God and ask for help, that He will help us. Let's go ahead and pray together now!

SLIDE: Theme Background

God, thank You so much for this story about Abraham and Sarah. Even when we are in situations where we're nervous about doing what You ask us to do, please give us peace. Thank You so much for your perfect plan to send Jesus for us. Thank You for being faithful a long time to rescue us so we could be close friends with You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

We started supporting a new organization since after Summer Jam. We are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! Our mission is Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. And the cool thing is that there are people who go to church here at Parkview who attend this camp! Let's meet one right now.

VIDEO: Missions Night 2

Wow! You can see how much Shady Oaks Camp means to Richard and his mom Sallie, and LOTS of people who live around here! I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! Bring your money up if you brought it.