

## ALLEY Rundown – August 2-3, 2025

**Bible Story:** Creation and the Fall • *Genesis 1–2:3, 3; Romans 5:8*

**Conversation Starter:** How do you know you can trust God?

**Bottom Line:** You can trust God no matter what.

**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)

**PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS:** *Dude Perfect*

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hey! Welcome to The Alley! All this month we're taking about what it means to have an origin story. An origin story is the beginning of something—like your favorite superhero. Does anyone know some cool superhero origin stories?

Wow, you did a great job knowing so much about superheroes. Let's test this with a game I like to call 'Super-moji.'

**SLIDE: Super-Moji**

So here is how you play, I'm going to have a slide that has some emojis on it representing the name of a superhero. I need you to raise your hand if you know the answer. Are you ready?

**SLIDE: Spider-Man** 🕷️ + 🧑

**SLIDE: Aquaman** 💧 + 🧑

**SLIDE: Green Lantern** 🟢 + 🧑

**SLIDE: Iron Man** 🦾 + 🧑

**SLIDE: Robin** 🦹

Great job! You guys really know your superheroes! This month we're in the series 'Origin Story,' where we're talking about God and how His Story started. But before that, I want to ask about YOUR origin story. Are you from this state or somewhere else? Is there something that's unique about how you grew up?

Thanks for sharing your story. Some of you might be sitting next to someone you knew for a while, and now you know something new about them. See, when we get to know about someone's past, we get to really understand them so much more than we did before.

But let me ask you a question. It's kind of a big one: What do you know about God? Some of you might have the answer you think you're supposed to say in church, right? Some of you may not really know a lot about God. When you stop and think about it, who *is* God? I mean, is God this being who is outside of what we think and see every day who is just unemotionally controlling everything?

Is He just some cosmic being who just ‘poofed’ the world here one day and left everyone to think for themselves? And can we *really* trust someone we can’t see?

Thankfully, God wants us to know who He is and what He is like! That’s why He gave us His Word, the Bible! And we’re going to do something really cool this year. We are going to learn the big story God is telling in the entire Bible. And as we go through the Bible, our hope is that you learn about God! That’s why He gave the Bible to us in the first place!

We’re going to go through God’s Big Story starting today!

**SLIDE: God’s Big Story**

Each week, we’ll take a look at a story from the Bible that tells us about God and the big story He is telling in the Bible. This week we’re going to start where you think we should start for a story—at the very beginning. The very first book of the Bible called *Genesis* tells us about the beginning of God’s Big Story.

**VIDEO: The So and So Show (12:43)**

God loves you. He cares so much about you that He sent Jesus with the mission to die for you and pay for your sins.

Because of God’s rescue plan, through Jesus, our relationship with Him is no longer broken. And that’s just the first part of God’s great plan! There’s more! Jesus is coming back! When He does, we will live with Him forever and there will no longer be any pain, or sickness, or death. He is going to fix everything that has been broken!

So, back to that question that we asked in the beginning: How do you get to know God? Like the big God who rules over all?

One of the ways you can do that is through His Word, the Bible. That’s one of the reasons God gave it to us—He wants us to know Him! So we are going to spend this year going through His Great Story to learn more about who He is.

This week, we looked at how God has been working on His great rescue plan for a long, long time. Adam and Eve broke everything. And God is going to fix everything.

So we can trust God no matter what because even when we’re not worthy of His love, He loves us anyway. Adam and Eve broke everything. We all needed rescue. And God loves us so much He did everything to fix what we broke. We saw this week how He has been working on His great rescue plan for a long, long time.

When we see creation, we can see that God loved you for a long, long time. God cares for you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. The first step is to trust Him. On your way to small groups, think about this question:

**SLIDE: Conversation Starter**

**How do you know you can trust God?** Maybe it's looking around and seeing creation all around you or reading your favorite Bible Story. Let's go ahead and pray before we go to our groups.

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

God, thank You so much for today's story. As we start this school year, please help us learn about who You are as we read through parts of the Bible. We want to know You! Thank You so much for doing the most amazing thing and sending Your Son, Jesus, to help fix our broken relationship with You. We broke things, and You fixed them. Please help us know and believe that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You for loving us for a long, long time. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

### **OFFERING**

We started supporting a new organization with our offering last month. 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.

**SLIDES: Shady Oaks 5-8**

I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities!