

# ALLEY Rundown – August 23 - 24, 2025

**Bible Story:** Jacob's Dream • *Genesis 28:10-22 (supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)*

**Conversation Starter:** What helps you remember that God is with you?

**Bottom Line:** You can trust that God is with you.

**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:** Bucket and ball pit balls

**PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS – Dude Perfect**

**SLIDE: Theme**

Hey! I'm so glad that you're here today! This month we're in our series 'Origin Story,' where we're talking about how we can have faith in God because of what He has done. But before we get started, I wanted to play a game!

So our theme is all about superheroes and I thought I would test to see how super your senses are.

On this side of the room I have a bucket, and the other side I have these ball pit balls. All you need to do is just throw the ball pit balls into the bucket. Pretty simple, right? Well, here is the twist. The person catching is going to be blindfolded! Don't worry, we'll have someone who can tell you where to go to catch the ball pit balls.

So, I need three volunteers for today's game.

*Choose three kids (ball thrower and 2 bucket catchers) and bring them to the front. Two kids will stand on one side with the empty bucket and one kid will stand on the other side. Blindfold **one** of the kids who holds the bucket.*

Okay, are you ready? You will have 60 seconds to play! Are you ready? 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . Go!

**VIDEO: 1 min countdown**

*Make comments as the kids are playing. You may need to help direct some kids around the space.*

**SLIDE: Theme**

Great job! You can go ahead back to your seat. Today I wanted you to think about things that are with you all the time. Let's see if we can make a list together. (*your shadow, your shoes, etc.*)

It's amazing to think of things you could forget that are with you all the time. But did you know that there is SOMEONE who is with you all the time? Yes! God! God is with you all the time! We'll talk about this more later this week, but after Jesus went to heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers! So when you became a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the very Spirit of Jesus, came to live inside of you. So if you want to list someone else who is with you all the time—God is!

This year we are going through the entire story of the Bible! We're going to go through God's Big Story! (*Gesture to slide.*)

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

So for the last few weeks, we've been in the book of Genesis, which is in the beginning of the Bible.

Genesis talks about the beginnings! It talks about how, in the beginning, God made the heavens and Earth, and everything on it—including people! He walked in the Garden with the very first people, but they sinned.

Sin is anything that goes against God and His ways. When the first people sinned, they ushered in a curse of sin. This curse infected everyone's heart and pulled them away from God.

Sin also did something else terrible. It brought sickness, pain, suffering, and death into the world. We all know how it hurts to live in a broken world.

But God didn't leave things there though! He never wanted us not to be close to Him, so He already had a rescue plan in mind to break the curse so we could be close to Him again.

God chose Abraham and his wife Sarah to continue that plan. God told Abraham the entire world would be blessed through their family. Abraham and Sarah grew very old, but eventually they had a son named Isaac—just like God had promised. When Isaac grew up, he married a woman named Rebekah, and together they had twins, Jacob and Esau. That's where our story starts today!

#### **VIDEO: The So and So Show (15:24)**

When we think about Jacob, we can remember that though Jacob made mistakes, God was still with him. God promised that He would always be with Jacob, and it's true for you too!

We'll talk more about this later in the big story God is telling in the Bible, but after Jesus' resurrection, when He went to heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers. When you become a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live inside of you too! So the promise God made to Jacob, is true of all Jesus-followers too! "I am with you."

So God is always, always, always with you! He is IN you! He is closer than close. So that is something you can trust—that God is always, always with you. That might be a brand-new idea to some of you, and that's okay! We'll chew on this idea more in our small groups.

So as you go to your small groups, ask yourself this question:

#### **SLIDE: Conversation Starter**

**What helps you remember that God is with you?** It could be that when you talk to other people who believe in Jesus, you can remember that God is with you. Maybe it's remembering a promise God made to you in the Bible that He is with you. Take time to pause this week and ask God to help you remember that He is with you. Let's go ahead and pray to God now!

#### **SLIDE: Theme Background**

God, thank You so much for being with us. When we feel scared or we feel alone, please help us remember that You are with us. Help us learn to live aware that Your Holy Spirit lives in us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name.

#### **OFFERING**

We started supporting a new organization with our offering. 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 1-3**

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.