

## ALLEY Rundown – September 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** Rahab / The Promised Land • *Joshua 2* (supporting: *Joshua 6:22-25*)

**Conversation Starter:** How can you show someone you care?

**Bottom Line:** God can give you courage to help someone in need.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.* Psalm 56:3 (NIRV)

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

**SLIDE:** *Theme*

Welcome back, Alley crew! Welcome back! This month we're 'On the Move'! We are "braving the unknown with God." You know, sometimes when we are on the move on a big journey, or even on the move in everyday life, we meet new people.

Sometimes those people need our help, and helping someone, especially if it seems a little awkward or different, takes courage. And courage is being brave enough to do hard things.

And that's exactly what we're learning today, about how to get the courage to do hard things...like helping others when they need it. When we know God is with us, we can be brave. Remember our Memory Verse? Let's say it together. Psalm 56:3.

**SLIDE:** *Memory Verse*

*When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. —Psalm 56:3*

Jesus is our hope! He fills our heart with courage so we can be kind like He is! Jesus wants us to help people who are in need—like He did! Sometimes helping someone in need means we have to step out and take a risk ourselves.

Have you ever seen someone stick up for a friend, even when the bully was bigger or louder? Or maybe you've heard a story about someone who shared their lunch with a kid who didn't have any, even though it meant they had less to eat themselves.

*(Let a few kids share a story if they have one.)*

Those are moments when someone takes a personal risk—big or small—to help another person. What makes it hard to take a risk like that? Why would someone choose to do it, even if it's uncomfortable or a little scary for them?

*(Take one or two very brief responses if kids are engaged.)*

Those are great thoughts. It definitely takes courage to help someone else. Our Bible Story today is about a woman named Rahab who took an enormous risk to help two strangers, and it changed her life, and the lives of her family, forever.

Before we jump into that story, let me tell you about something really amazing we're doing this year—we're going through the entire story of the Bible. We're going to go through God's Big Story!

**SLIDE:** *God's Big Story*

Let's recap where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

Way back in the very beginning of God's Big Story, we learn that God made the very first people. Their

names were Adam and Eve. But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn't be close friends with God either.

And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

But God didn't want to leave things that way! He made people to be His very close friends. So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Abraham's family grew and grew and grew—just like God had said—and became God's people. Eventually, God's people were enslaved in Egypt. But then God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to freedom in the wilderness. God had brought His people to freedom!

God had a beautiful land picked out for His people, and they were on their way there. But then they chose not to trust Him, and they had to wait 40 long years to enter it. And that's where we are in God's Big Story! We're journeying right along in the Bible! Our story today comes from the book of Joshua.

**VIDEO: *The So and So Show* (14:24)**

Rahab wanted to be on God's team, so when she had a chance to help the spies from His family, God gave her the courage to do it. And that's the same for us!

How do we tell the world we're on God's team? By loving people the way Jesus did! Jesus always helped people who needed help. Maybe it's a new kid at school who looks lost and lonely. It takes courage to walk over and say hi. But that's what someone on Jesus' team would do. Maybe it's seeing someone being made fun of. It takes courage to speak up or to go stand with them. But that's what someone on Jesus' team would do.

As we saw this week, helping someone often involves stepping out of your comfort zone. It might feel a little scary. But when we trust God, like Rahab did, He can give us the courage we need. Trusting God can empower us to act, to be His hands and feet for someone who needs it. And when you do that, you're showing them a glimpse of who God is and how He loves them. God can give you courage to help someone in need.

As you head to Small Groups, I want you to really dig into this Conversation Starter!

**SLIDE: *Conversation Starter***

**When have you needed courage to help someone?**

Let's pray. God, thank You for Rahab's example of courage and faith. Thank You that she trusted You, was kind, and helped others. We want to be kind like You are! Teach us how to listen to the nudges of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be at least 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.**

Our offering is going to Shady Oaks Camp. Their mission is to give these kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. Let's check it out.

**VIDEO: Missions Night 1**

Wow! You can see how much fun the people who attend Shady Oaks Camp for kids and adults with disabilities have! What an amazing experience that is for them. We are raising money to support the camp in all they do for people with disabilities. Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help Shady Oaks Camp!