

ALLEY Rundown – October 18th- 19th, 2025

Bible Story: Solomon Chooses Wisdom • 1 Kings 3:4-15

Conversion Starter: When do you need wisdom?

Bottom Line: God can help you make the wise choice.

Monthly Memory Verse: *It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver.* Proverbs 16:16 (NIRV)

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Welcome to The Alley! I'm so glad you're here on this beautiful Fall day! This time of year makes me think about pumpkins and apple cider and hay rides and of course one of my favorite candies...candy corn! Before we go any farther, let's all stand up, take a look at the screen and check out a fun fall game called Fall Four Corners. Let's play!

Sides: *Fall Four Corners*

Today's true story from the Bible is about a guy named Solomon. God offered him a choice of *anything* he wanted. What do you think he chose? Let's find out together.

But before we get into Solomon's story, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

Why? Well, part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we can get to know Him! So as we go through the stories of the Bible this year, hopefully we'll learn about Him!

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

SLIDE: *God's Big Story*

Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along.

This week, we're moving right along in the Bible! King Solomon, whose story we're going to look at today, was the third king of Israel, of the nation made up of God's people.

Before we jump into the drama, let's set the stage. When King David died, his son Solomon became king of Israel. Solomon was still young when he started to lead. He had HUGE shoes to fill, and everyone was watching to see if he'd be wise, or just another ruler with a crown.

So imagine: new king, tons of responsibility, a dad who was a legend, and everyone looking at you, wondering, 'Will he mess up? Or will he follow God's ways? Let's see what happens.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (11:52)

So, after everything we've explored about Solomon and wisdom, what's our part?

Solomon started out asking for help. He didn't pretend to have all the answers. He turned to God and said, 'I need You.' And God loved that!

That's still true for us. We don't have to have it all figured out. In fact, the wisest people you'll ever meet are the ones who keep asking God for help, who pause before big decisions, who slow down enough to listen for His voice.

This week, you're going to face moments that require wisdom—maybe at home, at school, with your friends, or even just inside your own thoughts. You might feel the pressure to figure it out on your own. But you have the same invitation Solomon did: *Ask God for wisdom. Trust Him to answer. Listen for His leading. And don't be afraid to talk it out with people you trust too.*

Here's our Conversation Starter—you can chew on this question as you head to your Small Groups:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

When do you need wisdom?

When you feel lost, confused, or just need help—pause, turn to God, and ask: God, what's the wise thing to do? He promises to listen. He promises to give you what you need.

Let's talk to God about that right now.

God, thank You for loving us so much that You want to share Your wisdom with us because You want us to live wisely and well. Help us remember to ask You for wisdom—not just when we're desperate, but every day. Give us the humility to ask for help, hearts that listen, and courage to follow what You say. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Now we want to tell you about a special event that's coming up!

SLIDE: Alley After Hours

We have an extremely fun night planned just for you on Friday, November 14th. Alley After Hours is ONLY for 4th and 5th graders and we are taking over the whole church!

It's one epic night of jumpy's, a glow room, epic ball, crafts, and prizes! Just bring yourself, all your friends and some money to buy candy and slushies, too. And the best part is - we will have an end of the night battle between 4th and 5th graders to see which one of our mystery leaders will be slimed!

It will be a night you won't want to miss, so register online today and be sure to tell your friends so they can register, too. You can grab a postcard on your way out!

CHECK THE TIME: There should be at least 20-25 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!