

ALLEY Rundown – October 25th- 26th, 2025

Bible Story: The Kings • 1 & 2 Kings

Conversion Starter: Why do your choices matter?

Bottom Line: Be wise because your choices matter.

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*

Hey, everyone! Welcome to The Alley! As you can see on the screen, this month's theme is a pretend amusement park called Wisdomland. Imagine you just walked through the front gates of the world's best theme park. You can smell popcorn, hear people laughing, and see a hundred different ways to have fun. But what really makes a theme park awesome? Is it the biggest roller coaster? The wildest snacks? The souvenirs? I think it's all about the choices you get to make. Every step, you get to decide: Which ride next? Who do you hang out with? Do you go for the thrill, or do you play it safe?"

Pause, let students respond.

But here's a question: Have you ever made a choice at a theme park that totally changed your day? Maybe you picked the longest line and waited forever. Maybe you spent all your money on one snack and missed out on something better. Or maybe—just maybe—one little decision led to the absolute best day ever. This month we're looking at how God goes with us throughout our lives to help us make wise choices, to live wisely and well.

Let's look at the verse we're memorizing this month. We memorize verses from God's Word, we put them in our hearts, to help us know and live by what is true.

This month's verse will help us remember how valuable God's wisdom is!

SLIDE: *Memory Verse*

Let's say it all together, loud and clear:

It is much better to get wisdom than gold.

It is much better to choose understanding than silver. (Proverbs 16:16 NirV)

Before we get into our story today, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going through the story of the entire Bible together!

Why? Is it just so we can become really smart Bible people? No! Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so that we can get to know Him. So we're going through the Bible together to get to know God!

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

SLIDE: God's Big Story

God's wisdom is so precious, and He wants to give it to us! Let's hear our true story from the Bible today about what happened when some kings chose to follow God and that precious wisdom, and some kings didn't.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (12:33)

As we saw today, the kings of Israel and Judah changed history with their choices, for better or worse.

You might wonder, 'What about me? I'm not a king or queen.' It can be easy to think their choices were way bigger or more important than ours. But God's Word reminds us that our choices matter just as much. Every word you say, every action you take, every time you decide to help or hurt, to forgive or hold a grudge, to listen or ignore—each one is a decision door that shapes your story and even shapes the world around you.

When you choose to help a classmate instead of laughing at them, that's a wise choice. When you tell the truth—even if it means getting in trouble—that's a wise choice. When you forgive someone who hurt you or include someone who feels left out, those are wise choices. Every time you choose kindness, honesty, or patience, you're showing the world Jesus. He is kind. He is patient. He is good. And you are being just like Him.

God hasn't called you to be perfect. He hasn't promised you'll never mess up, or that every decision will be easy. What He has promised is that He will go with you every step of the way and show you the wise way to go.

And what you choose in the quiet, in the conflict, in the moments nobody else sees—those choices are the story you're writing with your life. So here's the Key Question to take with you:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

Why do your choices matter?

"Think about it this week. Your choices shape who you become, the impact you have, and the story you tell about what matters most. God's story isn't finished—and you get to be part of it, as you go with Him one choice at a time.

Let's pray.

God, thank You for never giving up on Your people, for always working in the mess and the mystery. Thank You for Jesus, who shows us what wisdom looks like and who gave His perfect life to rescue us. Please help us remember that our choices really do matter—to You, to others, and to ourselves. Give us Your wisdom when we need it. Help us to walk with You every step of our lives and choose Your wisdom at every Decision Door we face. We want to go with You through everything. We love You, God, 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 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 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 (Runtime:)

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.