

ALLEY Rundown – November 1st- 2nd, 2025

Bible Story: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal • 1 Kings 18:16-45

Conversion Starter: What seems impossible to you?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NIRV)

Pre-Service Videos: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everyone! Welcome to Bedrock, where we're building confidence in God that lasts—block by block. I'm so glad you're here, because today we're tackling one of life's biggest questions: What do you do when something feels absolutely impossible?

But first, let's warm up our brains and imaginations with a game that's ... well, pretty much impossible! It's called Would You Rather: Impossible Edition. I'm going to call out some wild choices—each one totally silly and totally impossible—and you'll have to decide which you'd pick, even if both options sound crazy.

When I call out both options, I'll point to a side that corresponds with that option. You move to the side of the room that matches your answer! Ready? Let's get started!

One at a time, read each of the following ten scenarios aloud, direct the kids to the corresponding sides of your Large Group space (point to a side for each option), and react to their responses.

Would You Rather Scenarios

1. Would you rather ... try to eat a mountain-sized ice cream sundae in one day OR drink a swimming pool full of lemonade in one hour?
2. Would you rather ... build a house out of spaghetti noodles OR out of marshmallows?
3. Would you rather ... have to hop to school every day for a year OR only be able to walk backwards for a month?
4. Would you rather ... have shoes made of jelly OR gloves made of pizza?
5. Would you rather ... try to read a 10,000-page book in one night while bouncing on a trampoline OR write a 1,000-word essay while bouncing on a trampoline?
6. Would you rather ... live in a treehouse 100 stories high OR a basement 50 stories underground?
7. Would you rather ... only be able to eat food that's blue OR only wear clothes that are yellow for a year?

8. Would you rather ... try to swim across a giant pool of JELL-O® OR roll down a hill made of popcorn?

9. Would you rather ... balance a stack of 50 books on your head for a day OR wear a hat made of live chickens for a whole afternoon?

10. Would you rather ... try to brush your teeth using spaghetti noodles for a week OR have to comb your hair with a fork forever?

React to wild answers and ask a few kids to explain their choices.

Whether you'd pick the jelly shoes or the chicken hat, every choice we just saw is basically impossible. That's what makes them funny. But in real life, sometimes things can feel just as impossible—even if they aren't quite this weird.

So, what do we do when we come up against something that really feels impossible? That's what we're diving into today. But before that, let's start to work on locking this month's Memory Verse in our hearts. This month, it's Isaiah 40:31!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

But before we dive into one of the most incredible stories in the Bible, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year! We're going to go through the key stories of the Bible, so we'll know the full story of the Bible from cover to cover!

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

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Let me bring you up to speed on where we've been in God's Big Story so far!

So you might remember that in the very beginning, God made everything! He made the world, the animals, people ... everything! God made the first people for the same reason He made all people—to be His close, close friends. But sadly, the first people God made chose to turn away from Him and sin. God wanted people to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! It was so sad.

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! So He put His rescue plan in motion right from the start!

God was going to rescue everything through a family! God chose a man named Abraham and promised that his family would bless the whole world. Many years later, Abraham's great-grandson Joseph ended up in Egypt. After some hard times, God helped Joseph become a super-important leader there! Joseph saved his whole family by bringing them to Egypt. But hundreds of years passed. God grew and grew His people. A new Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, came along. He didn't know about Joseph. He saw how many of God's people there were, he got scared, and he started being mean to them.

God's people cried out to God for help. He answered! God brought His people out of Egypt into a beautiful home He had for them—the Promised Land!

After some time living in the Promised Land, God's people wanted a king like the other nations around them. God gave them a king, and then many more kings (and one queen) followed. Sadly, the nation of God's people split in two—into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.

During this time, there were prophets in both kingdoms who spoke and taught on God's behalf. God would guide and direct the prophets to tell others about Him and His heart.

And that's where we are in God's Big Story!

VIDEO: *The So and So Show* (12:19)

Elijah's story shows us something about confidence that's hard to learn any other way: true confidence isn't built when everything's easy. It's built over time, often through hard things. Elijah learned to trust God partially through years and years of seeing Him provide food every single faithful day in some hard drought years. Over and over as Elijah saw God provide, Elijah learned he could be confident in Him.

Confidence in God is built every time you stand at the edge of something tough and decide to trust God anyway. That's what Elijah did.

Elijah wasn't a superhero. The very next part of Elijah's story, he threw a huge temper tantrum with God!

Elijah got tired. He felt alone. He asked hard questions and wondered if God would show up. But he kept taking the next step—sometimes shaky, sometimes bold—because he'd learned that God's character never changed, even when life did.

You might not be facing a showdown on a mountain or waiting for fire from heaven. But I know you've got your own impossible lines—maybe it's a problem at home, a friendship that feels broken, an anxiety that doesn't seem to go away, or just the daily pressure to be 'enough.' Sometimes, the scariest thing is just being honest about what you're facing. You don't have to fake it with God. He can handle your worries, your doubts, even your disappointment.

So here's the question:

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

What seems impossible to you?

SLIDE: *Theme Background*

Seriously. Don't rush past it. This week, I challenge you—talk to God about that one thing. Write it down. Tell someone you trust. And then ask God to help you, even if the answer or breakthrough doesn't come right away. He is there and will go through it with you. Let's pray.

God, thank You that You are always good and we can trust You, even if life is hard. Help us to trust You with what feels impossible. Give us courage to take the next step, knowing You're with us every moment. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Your 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 around 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

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.

