

ALLEY Rundown – November 15th- 16th, 2025

Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions' Den • *Daniel 6*

Conversion Starter: When have you felt alone?

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)*

CAMPUS LG Supplies: 2 sets of blocks

CENTRAL LG Supplies: Bag of ball pit balls

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everybody! Welcome to Bedrock—where we're building confidence, block by block! I'm so glad you're here. Today, we're going to have a lot of fun together! We'll play, talk, hear a Bible Story, and find out something amazing about God.

Let's get things started with a game called ... Bedrock Build. Now, I don't know about you, but when I'm playing a building video game like in our theme, you have to really know the right way to build things. Who would say that they're pretty good at building? (*Wait for responses.*)

Well, today you'll get to test how much you can *trust* those building skills. This is how you play!

Point to the two sets of blocks on stage.

In just a second, I'm going to choose two pairs of builders to build a strong tower. I'll give you 2 minutes to create the tallest and strongest tower out of your team's blocks. After that timer is over, we're going to test the tower's strength together.

Point to the bag of ball pit balls.

Then, once we've got those towers built, I'm going to give [number of kids, or everyone] a chance to try to knock down these two towers. Whichever tower is still standing in 30 seconds will be the winner!

Choose two sets of two volunteers from the kids who are raising their hands. Set each pair down by a set of 25-30 wood blocks. Start the timer and let the two teams build for two minutes. Comment on their building abilities.

Oh, wow! These are some pretty great towers! Let's see if they can stand up to the challenge.

Distribute the ball pit balls as you'd like.

Is everyone ready who is going to test the towers' strength? Let me get my timer ready! Alright, ready, set, throw!

*Start the timer for 30 seconds and see which tower is standing after. (Or none! Or both!)
Congratulate the winning team(s) and dismiss the volunteers to their seat.*

Those were some pretty great towers—those builders really needed to trust that their skills would keep their tower up! Today, we're going to learn about Someone even better whom we can trust.

First, I have a question for you. Have you ever felt like you were all alone?

Anyone want to share a story about a time when you felt alone but God helped you through it?

Well, today, we're going to hear a story about a guy named Daniel who had the same feeling. He really was all by himself, but even though it looked like he was alone, he knew he wasn't really alone. He knew God was with him.

But before we dive into Daniel's story today, let me tell you about something awesome we're doing this year! We are going through the key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

Why are we doing that? Is it because we just want to become really smart Bible people? Well, God wants us to know Him. He wants to be our close friends. Part of the reason He gave us the Bible is so we could get to know Him. So as we go through the Bible, hopefully we'll learn about God!

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

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Today, we're going right along through the Bible in the book of Daniel, chapter 6. This isn't just some old legend—it's a true story about real people, facing real challenges, and discovering real confidence. Not the kind you get from being the fastest or the strongest, but the kind that comes from knowing, deep down, that God is always with you—no matter what. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (14:19)

Wow! What an incredible adventure we just heard! Imagine Daniel, surrounded by the deep, echoing roars of lions, the darkness pressing in all around him. He must have felt scared, right? But Daniel wasn't alone for even a second. Why? Because the God who created the universe—the God who made the stars and knows your name—was right there with him in that lions' den!

And guess what? That truth isn't just for Daniel—it's for you. Whether you're laughing with friends at recess, sitting alone on the bus, facing a tough moment at home, or even lying awake at night feeling worried, God is right there. He promises that He'll never leave you or abandon you. He's always present, giving you strength and courage, just like He did for Daniel!

Let's think about our Conversation Starter for a second.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter
When have you felt alone?

Maybe it was your first day at a new school. Maybe you were sick, or someone let you down. Maybe your heart was pounding before a big test, or you moved to a new school and didn't know anyone. Take a quiet second and remember how that felt.

Daniel knew what it was like to feel alone, surrounded by people who didn't believe what he believed. But Daniel knew he could talk to God anytime, anywhere. And so can you. Let's pray together now.

God, thank You that You are always with us. When life feels scary or overwhelming, help us trust You, just like Daniel did. Help us remember that You go with us in everything we face, and may that give us confidence. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

In The City, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. For the rest of 2025 we are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! We are collecting our offering for Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. If you were at Summer Jam, you heard a lot about Shady Oaks. And Scott, the director of Shady Oaks Camp wants you all to hear how thankful he is for our help! Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Scott

Go home and see what you can do to earn money to help Shady Oaks Camp!

SLIDE: Theme

