

## ALLEY Rundown – December 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** Jesus Is Born • *Luke 2:1-20*

**Conversation Starter:** What's the best gift you've been given?

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord."* • Luke 2:11 NIV

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

**SLIDE:** *Theme*

Hey everyone! Welcome to The Alley! This month, we're celebrating a really special time of year. Can anyone guess what it is? That's right, Christmas! And during Christmas, we're discovering something incredible about Jesus. He isn't just a part of the Christmas story, He is the greatest gift of all. Today, we're going to find out why!

Before we dive into our story, we've got a super-fun game that will help us celebrate some of the things we love about Christmas, It's called Christmas 4 corners. Let's play!

*\*Before you start the game, designate which corner of the room is choice 1, 2 3 and 4.*

**SLIDE:** *Christmas 4 corners*

As we get closer to Christmas, we see all around us that it's a season of giving and receiving gifts for a lot of people. But today, I want you to think about something different. I want you to think about not just any gift, but the greatest gift you've ever received.

Turn to the person next to you, and share what you think the greatest gift might be. Go ahead; I'll wait for a moment.

*Pause while the kids turn and talk.*

Interesting choices! Now, what if I told you that the greatest gift was actually given to us over 2,000 years ago? It wasn't wrapped in shiny paper or tied with a ribbon. It wasn't even something you could hold in your hands.

This gift was far more valuable. It was a gift of hope, peace, and love. It was the gift of Jesus. At Christmas, we celebrate Jesus being born, which is the heart of the Christmas story we're diving into today.

But before we dive into our true story in the book of Luke today, let me tell you about something awesome we're doing this year! We're 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 together so we can get to know God! (*Gesture to slide.*)

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

So we're picking up right on our journey through the Bible. We've reached the Christmas story, and that's the true story we're going to look at today.

**VIDEO: The So and So Show (12:13)**

What a beautiful night we've journeyed through, seeing the wonder of Jesus' birth. It's a story we tell every Christmas because it marks the beginning of something new, the start of God's rescue plan for all of us. **Jesus is the greatest gift.**

And just like the shepherds who were in awe of what they saw, we can respond with that same joy. We can let our hearts be filled with wonder, and we can take action. When we look at Christmas lights twinkling in the night, let's remember they point to Jesus, the light of the world.

That's what we're celebrating all month, the great news that the angel announced to the shepherds.

*Open the Bible to Luke 2:11 (NIV) and read.*

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.*

This verse, our Memory Verse, reminds us of the best gift ever. Just think about it, a Savior who was born for you. And now, we get to live like we truly know it's true.

So here's a question to take with you:

**SLIDE: Conversation Starter**

**What's the best gift you've been given?**

Take some time to think about that, and we'll talk about it more in your Small Group. But also think about how you can be a gift to others, showing them the same kindness and love that Jesus shows us.

Let's talk to the God who gave us the greatest gift together.

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

Dear God, thank You for sending us the greatest gift of all, Your Son, Jesus. Help us to remember this Christmas, and every Christmas, that You gave us the greatest gift because You love us so much. Help us tell everyone about Your great love. Merry Christmas, Jesus. We love You so much too.

## **OFFERING**

In The Alley, 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**

You guys did a great job earning money to help Shady Oaks Camp!

**SLIDE: Theme**