

ALLEY Rundown – May 30th- 31st, 2026

Bible Story: Heaven • *Revelation 21:3-5*

Conversation Starter: What do you think heaven will be like?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

CAMPUS SUPPLIES: 5th grade graduation gifts (prayer journals)

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everyone! What's up? I'm really glad you're here today. Today is a super-special day! Not only are we in the last week of our series for the month, but we're in the last week of something we've been doing all year—going through the story God is telling in the Bible! AND we are celebrating our 5th graders who are graduating to Parkview Students!

Our series this month totally ties into what we're going to look at today. The theme of this month is 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!' And today we're going to look at the ending for every Jesus-follower, when God is going to be with us, forever!

So before we do anything else today, let's warm up with a few quick would-you-rather questions. Tell someone next to you what you would choose.

Would you rather be lost on a hike with no map at all and just follow the trail, or be lost but have someone with you who knows the way?

Who here would rather just follow the trail? Raise your hands!

Alright ... interesting. There's some bold confidence in this room!

Next one. Would you rather go on a hike where everything goes exactly as planned, or go on a hike where everything goes wrong, but you still somehow make it to the end? Tell your answer to your neighbor.

Okay, raise your hand if you chose the second option!

Yeah ... I had a feeling some of you would choose the last option. This is making me want to take a hiking trip this summer!

All month long, we've been talking about what it looks like to keep going and not give up, even when the journey isn't easy.

And one thing you've probably already figured out is that life doesn't always go the way we expect it to. Even when we try to do the right thing. Even when we trust God. Even when we hope things will work out.

Most of the time, we're just seeing what's right in front of us. The next step. The next challenge. The next thing we don't quite understand yet. And when that's all you can see, it can be hard to know where the story is actually headed.

Today, we're going to talk about the ending of the story that God has written for us. But before we get there, it's important to talk honestly about where we are right now.

Here's something we all start to notice as we grow up: The world is a mix of really good things and really hard things.

There are moments that feel joyful and exciting, like laughing with friends, feeling proud of yourself, and looking forward to something fun. But there are also moments that feel disappointing, confusing, or painful. Maybe someone you care about gets hurt, a friendship changes, a prayer doesn't get answered the way you hoped, or something breaks that you really wanted to last.

The Bible explains why life feels this way. It tells us that when sin entered the world, brokenness came with it. Not just big, obvious brokenness, but everyday brokenness too. The kind that shows up in arguments, sickness, loss, fear, and things not turning out the way they should. That brokenness affects everything, even people who love God and want to follow Him.

And because of that, life doesn't always make sense.

You can believe in God and still feel sad. You can trust God and still feel disappointed. You can follow God and still walk through hard things.

That can feel confusing, especially when we hear that God is good and powerful. Because if God is good, why doesn't He fix everything right away? And if God is powerful, why do we still see so much brokenness around us?

Those questions don't mean something is wrong with your faith. They mean you're living in a broken world.

Right now, we're living in the middle of God's story. God created a good world. Sin damaged it. And God promised He's not finished yet. That's why doing the right thing can feel tiring sometimes. That's why trusting God can feel hard sometimes. And that's why the idea of 'don't give up' matters so much, because giving up can feel easier when you're tired of waiting.

The world is broken, but God has a plan to fix it. We know hard things happen, but God hasn't given up on His creation. The exciting part is, God is going to make everything right in the end. Knowing this can actually help us keep going right now, in the middle of the story.

And that's where God's Word meets us next.

But before we get to the END of the story, let's remember something really special we're doing this year, and today is actually our last week of our journey. We've been going through the entire Bible to see the big story in it and get to know who God is. We've been going through God's Big Story.

SLIDE: God's Big Story

Let me tell you about the future God wrote for us. One day, Jesus is coming back. And you know all of that pain, sickness, and death we still experience? Anything that makes you cry or makes your heart hurt? Well, He is going to end it! He is going to come back to the world and fix everything that is broken. Check this out.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (12:06)

So as we wrap up today, here's what I want you to remember. Following God doesn't mean life suddenly becomes easy or that hard things stop happening. We still live in a broken world. We still walk through hard times, suffering, questions, and loss. But today's Bible Story reminds us that those things aren't the end of the trail. God is still at work, even when we're in the middle of the journey, and He has promised that the story ends with everything being made new.

I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

What do you think heaven will be like?

Today, we talked about God making everything right in the end! There won't be any more brokenness or pain, but hope. A world remade. A story restored. Everything made right again. And knowing where the trail ends helps us keep going when the middle feels hard.

A lot of the time, our lives feel like that middle part of the trek. We see the hard trail markers right in front of us, but we can't always see the ending yet. Today's Bible Story reminds us of the ending of this whole trail. It is so, so gorgeous, and amazing, and forever. And God invites us to keep trusting Him while we walk this trek until we get to our amazing ending.

So as you head to small groups, talk honestly about what you imagine heaven will be like. Talk about which parts of life you're most ready for God to make new. And talk about how knowing the ending of the story helps you keep going right now. Because just like we saw today, God doesn't wait until everything is easy to give us hope. He gives us hope so we can keep going.

Let's pray together, friends.

God, thank You for being with us on the journey. Thank You that even when life feels hard, confusing, or unfinished, You haven't given up on this world or on us. Thank You for the promise that You're making everything new and that brokenness, pain, and loss won't last forever.

Help us trust You when we're walking through the middle of the story. When we see hard times, when we have questions, or when things don't feel right yet, remind us of the great, great forever that is

coming. Give us hope to keep going, courage to keep trusting You, and faith to believe that You are always at work, even when we can't see it. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

5th Grade Presentation:

Well, it's a very special day for our 5th graders, They are moving out of Parkview Kids and into Parkview Students! In fact, let's bring them up right now.

(Call all current 5th graders up to the front)

We are so excited for our 5th Graders here in the Alley to move up to Parkview Students. We have loved having you here in Parkview Kids! We will miss you tremendously, but we believe God is just getting started on your faith story. He has great plans for your life. I can't wait to see/hear all about how you continue to grow in your walk with Jesus! We love you guys!

(Call up 5th Graders, give them their prayer journals, and pray that God would continue to use them and bless them as they move up to Student Ministry.)

Also 5th graders, Parkview Students has a super cool event to welcome you, Summer Rally! You don't want to miss it on Sunday June 7st! I also have a lanyard to give you. Take this to the Students' booth in the lobby for a free gift!

CG: Summer JAM Slide

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! And 5th graders, you can sign up to volunteer!

Before you head to small groups, make sure to stop and drop your offering in the container if you have it!