

ALLEY Rundown – May 2nd- 3rd, 2026

Bible Story: Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin • Acts 3–4:22

Conversation Starter: What have you seen God do?

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 NIRV

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everyone! What is up? Welcome to The Alley! If this is your first time, I'm really glad you're here. And if you've been here before, welcome back! My name is [Host Name], and we're starting a brand-new month today, which means we have a brand-new theme!

This month's theme is called 'TREK.' Now, quick check, how many of you have ever gone hiking before? Raise your hands!

Hiking can be amazing. You get views, fresh air, and that feeling like, 'Wow, this is awesome.'

But let's be honest, there's another side to hiking too. Sometimes your legs are tired. Sometimes the trail feels way longer than you expected. Sometimes you're thinking, 'Why did I agree to this?'

And that's what this month is all about! We're calling it 'TREK: Don't Stop, Don't Give Up—God's with You!' Because life kind of feels like a hike sometimes, right? There are moments you want to quit. Moments you want to sit down and say, 'I'm done.' But God doesn't leave us on the trail alone.

Here's something super-important we're going to remember all month long. It's our Memory Verse! This verse isn't just something to memorize—it's something to hold onto when things start to get hard. Because if we're being honest, there are moments when we're doing the right thing, but we can actually start to get tired. This verse was written for moments exactly like that. It's Galatians 6:9!

SLIDE: *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 NIRV

Before we jump into today's Bible Story, let me ask you something: Have you ever been in a moment when you knew you had a choice to make, but it happened so fast, you barely had time to think? And you didn't know what to do?

Like when you're added to a group chat, and someone starts saying something that's really mean or making fun of someone. Or when a friend dares you to do something and everyone's watching to see what you'll do. Or maybe you're at school, and someone is talking about cheating, and you have to decide whether to say something or just let it go.

Those moments don't feel serious at first. They kinda feel small in the moment.

What's interesting, though, is that later on, those moments stick with you. You replay them in your head and think, 'I wonder what would've happened if I'd chosen differently.'

That's the tension we bring into today's true story from the Bible. Because the people in this story felt real pressure.

But before we get into today's true story from the Bible, let me tell you about something we've been doing all school year! And at the end of this month, our journey will be complete!

We've been going through the Bible cover to cover, reading the key stories!

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together so we can learn about God! (*Gesture to slide.*)

SLIDE: God's Big Story

We're continuing our journey right through the Bible. We're at the part of the Bible where Jesus has died, risen from the dead, returned back to heaven, and sent His Holy Spirit to live inside His followers. Today's true story from the Bible is about two of those followers who lived during Jesus' lifetime and when the church was just getting started. Our story from the Bible today isn't about superheroes or people who never felt nervous. It's about two ordinary men named Peter and John who were now filled with God's Spirit and who were figuring out what that meant. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: The So and So Show (10:50)

Today's story reminds us that following Jesus doesn't mean the pressure goes away. Peter and John still faced questions, threats, and real consequences. But they kept going because they couldn't ignore what God had already done. And the same is true for us. When things get hard, when it feels easier to stop or stay quiet, remembering what God has done can give us the strength to keep going.

So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

What have you seen God do?

Maybe it's a time God helped you when you were scared. Maybe it's a prayer that got answered. Or maybe you've seen someone be healed in your family. Maybe it's a moment when you knew God was with you, even when things were hard. But here's the thing: when you remember what God has done, it changes how you stand when pressure shows up. It changes whether you stop or keep going. And that's what I want you to talk about later in your small groups.

Let's take a quiet moment and talk to the God who can help us keep going, friends.

God, thank You for what You've already done. Thank You for the ways You've shown up in our lives, even when things felt hard or uncertain. When pressure shows up, and it feels easier to stop or stay quiet, help us remember that You're with us and You're faithful. Give us courage to keep going, not

because we're strong, but because You are. We trust You with our next step. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that will show women filling their bins with clean water from a brand new well that was just installed in their village!

Missions video 1

Amazing right? Can't wait to see how these wells impact the villages in Malawi!

SLIDE: Theme