

# ALLEY Rundown – June 13<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** The Story of the Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:1-7 (supporting 1 Timothy 1:15)*

**Conversation Starter:** What is the way to God's kingdom?

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *"May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven."* • Matthew 6:10 NlrV

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

**SLIDE:** *Theme*

Hi, everyone! Welcome to the ALLEY! Hey, friends! It's good to see everyone! Raise your hand if you're having a good summer!

Before we get started, I'd like to welcome our brand-new 4<sup>th</sup> graders to the ALLEY! Hey 5<sup>th</sup> graders, can you guys help me...what are some things we should make sure our fourth graders know about the Alley? *(Give kids time to answer. They may need prompting but make sure they cover:*

- *Where the bathroom is*
- *What they can do each week when they first come in*
- *Where they should sit*
- *EXPLAIN ALLEY CASH!*
- *The So and So Show*
- *Where the offering goes*

We're spending the whole summer talking about God's kingdom. The full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure.'

God is loving, joyful, kind, good, just, and honest—among other things. And God's kingdom is where He reigns, and where those characteristics are the way things operate! God's kingdom is a great, great place!

Today's Bible Story is one of the most powerful ones Jesus ever told. But before we move on, we're going to look at our Memory Verse for this month. This verse is actually part of a prayer Jesus taught His followers. And Jesus taught this whole prayer because He wanted His followers to know something really important: We can talk to God anytime, and God always hears us.

This verse is part of that prayer, and when we pray this verse, we're asking God to bring His kingdom—His goodness, His love, and His ways—into our world and into our lives. That's something we can ask Him for every single day.

**SLIDE:** *Memory Verse*

*May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven' (Matthew 6:10 NlrV)."*

Today, we're diving into one of the most unforgettable stories Jesus ever told. But before we get into that, I want to start with something simple ... something all of us have experienced.

We're going to play a quick round of 'Would You Go Back?' I'm going to describe a few things you might lose, and you decide: Would you actually go back for it ... or would you just let it go?

If you WOULD go back, move to this side of the room.

*(Point to one side of the room.)*

If you think it's NOT worth it, head over here.

*(Point to the other side of the room.)*

Got it? Alright! Here's the first one: Let's say you're leaving the house, and you forget your water bottle! But you're in a huge rush. Would you go back and get it?

*(Pause as kids move.)*

Okay, okay, some of you are deeply attached to your hydration, and some of you are like, 'I'll just be thirsty forever.'

Next one: You're in a rush again, but you forget your homework folder and need it for school. You probably don't want it, but you might need it. Would you go back to get it?

*(Pause as kids move.)*

Okay, one more. Your pet. Let's say you're moving, and you have packed everything up. But then, you realize your pet is still in the house! Would you go back?

*(Pause as kids move.)*

There it is. No hesitation. You're sprinting back for that one! Of course, you're going to go get your pet!

You all can take a seat! Here's the thing: Not everything is worth going back for. Some things are just ... things. But something special, or someone? That's different. And that's what makes today's Bible Story so powerful. Jesus is about to show us who He's willing to go back for.

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

Today's Bible Story reminds us of something incredibly important about God and God's kingdom. The story of the lost sheep isn't just a cute story; it's a picture of who Jesus is.

God wants everyone to be close to Him and a part of His kingdom. But sin keeps us from being close to God. So, Jesus did what we needed to make a way for us to come back to God. He paid the price for

our sin. Jesus paid the price to bring us back to God. We were all lost, but Jesus made a way for all of us to come back home to Him and be God's forever friend!

Every single person had the same need. Every single person had a sin problem. And Jesus paid for the sin of anyone who would choose to accept what He did on the cross. Jesus made a way for all of us to be a part of God's kingdom!

Before we head to Small Groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about:

**SLIDE: Conversation Starter**

### **What is the way to God's kingdom?**

In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story that taught something shocking about God. The religious leaders thought the way into God's kingdom was by doing everything right. But Jesus showed them something completely different—God's kingdom is entered through Him. He is the way. He's the One who goes after the lost, rescues them, lifts them, and brings them home.

So as you head to Small Groups, think honestly about this question. Since Jesus is the One who makes the way into God's kingdom, what does that mean for you? What does it mean when you feel far away, confused, or unsure? Talk about it with your group. This is a space to ask real questions and discover what it looks like to follow the One who never stops coming after you."

Let's pray together, friends.

Jesus, thank You for being the kind of King who comes after us. Thank You for making a way for us to be part of God's kingdom, not because we earned it, but because You love us. Help us to learn to live in Your love, and to offer it to everyone because You want everyone in Your kingdom! Thank You for being our Shepherd and King. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

In Parkview Kids, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. This year we are collecting our offering money to help kids all the way on the other side of the world in a country in Africa called Malawi. Did you know that in this area many communities don't have access to clean water?

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We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells. 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 they don't have to walk with heavy containers of water.

Help us raise money to provide wells in the communities in Malawi. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!

**SLIDE: Summer JAM Slide**

## SUMMER JAM

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up THIS WEEK 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! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends!

*VIDEO: Summer JAM Slide*

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