

ALLEY Rundown – July 18th- 19th, 2026

Bible Story: The Servant Who Had No Mercy • *Matthew 18:21-35*

Conversation Starter: What and who do you need to forgive?

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO: Dude Perfect

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everyone! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest! This whole summer, we've been learning about God's kingdom, and the full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

We are right in the middle of summer, which means two things: One, it's hot enough outside to cook a whole breakfast on the sidewalk, and two, you could literally be anywhere right now. Swimming, sleeping till noon, eating popsicles for lunch ... but you chose to be here. And honestly? That already makes today better.

"I'm so glad you walked in! If this is your first time or your five-hundredth time, you belong here. We've got a fun game, some worship, and a story Jesus told that might just get you thinking—in a good way!

But first ... we're starting with a game. A summer game. And everyone gets to play!

It's time for ... 'Would You Rather? Summer Edition!'

SLIDE: Would You Rather? Summer Edition! Title

The game is simple: I'll show you two options, and your job is to walk to the side of the room that matches your choice. No wrong answers!

You don't need to talk, run, climb, or flip—just move to the side that makes the most sense to you. It's summer, and we're keeping it breezy!

Let's try it. Here we go!

Game Slide 1: Would You Rather? (*Swim in a pool filled with JELL-O®? OR Swim in a pool filled with spaghetti?*)

Would you rather ... Swim in a pool filled with JELL-O®? Or swim in a pool filled with spaghetti? Go ahead and make your choice!

(*Pause while kids move to either side of the room.*)

Okay, interesting choices! Let's do another one!

Game Slide 2: Would You Rather? *(Eat only ice cream for a whole day? OR Eat only cheeseburgers for a whole day?)*

(Continue with more rounds as time allows. Use game slides 3-11 below for more rounds.)

Game Slide 3: Would You Rather? *(Live at the beach for the whole summer? OR Live at a mountain lake for the whole summer?)*

Game Slide 4: Would You Rather? *(Have unlimited slushies all summer? OR Have unlimited pizza all summer?)*

Game Slide 5: Would You Rather? *(Have a giant water balloon fight? OR Have a giant slip-and-slide race?)*

Game Slide 6: Would You Rather? *(Never get sunburned again? OR Never get mosquito bites again?)*

Game Slide 7: Would You Rather? *(Spend a day at a water park? OR Spend a day at an amusement park?)*

Game Slide 8: Would You Rather? *(Have ice-cold air-conditioning everywhere you go? OR Have perfect weather outside every day?)*

Game Slide 9: Would You Rather? *(Build the world's biggest sandcastle? OR Win a cannonball contest?)*

Game Slide 10: Would You Rather? *(Have a pet dolphin for the summer? OR Have a pet turtle for the summer?)*

Game Slide 11: Would You Rather? *(Have a popsicle that never melts? OR Have a snow cone that never melts?)*

I want to take a minute to look at our Memory Verse for this month. Back when this was written, people argued a lot about rules—what you were allowed to eat, what you weren't allowed to eat, what made someone 'spiritual enough.' So Paul, one of Jesus' followers, wrote this verse to clear things up.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Have you even had a moment when someone does something that gets under your skin? Someone says something, and it follows you the rest of the day. Someone hurts your feelings, and suddenly, you're replaying the moment over and over. Someone does something wrong, and forgiving them is the very last thing you feel like doing.

And one day, one of Jesus' closest friends, Peter, had that same kind of moment. Something got to him. So he went to Jesus and asked, 'Okay, Jesus, seriously ... how many times am I supposed to

forgive someone?’ And you can probably guess this ... but Jesus told a story, and the story He told took forgiveness to a whole other level. Let’s check it out.

Video: The So and So Show (14:06)

When Jesus told this story, He wanted people to understand something way bigger than money. He wanted them to see that forgiveness isn’t just something we do, it’s something that sets us free. The unforgiving servant stayed trapped even after he was forgiven because he refused to let go of what someone else owed him. And that’s what unforgiveness does. It keeps us stuck.

But Jesus made it clear: When we choose to forgive, even when it’s hard, even when it doesn’t feel fair, something powerful happens. The clouds lift. Our hearts clear. We show the world what the King is like. And He will do great kingdom things when we forgive.

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

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

What and who do you need to forgive?

That question might hit different for each of you. Maybe it’s a friend who left you out. Maybe it’s a person who never apologized. Maybe it’s something small that’s built up over time or something huge you’ve been carrying for a long while.

No one’s asking you to fix everything today. No one’s asking you to have every answer. But I am asking you to be honest. Ask yourself: What’s the cloud I’m still carrying? Who is the person I keep thinking about? What would it look like to take even one small step toward forgiveness?

Let’s pray together.

God, thank You for forgiving us, completely, even when we could never pay You back. That kind of forgiveness is incredible, and we don’t want to keep it to ourselves. We want to follow in the same way You forgave us. Help us let go, help us forgive, and help us trust that You will take care of what we can’t fix on our own. Give us the courage to forgive from the heart, the way You forgave us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.

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?

Slides: 1-4

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!