

ALLEY Rundown – August 15th- 16th, 2026

Bible Story: In All Things God Works for Good • *Romans 8:28-29*

Conversation Starter: What do you need to trust God with?

Monthly Memory Verse: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well* • Psalm 139:14 NIV

LG Supplies: a game buzzer and a stool

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hey, everyone! Welcome to The Alley! I'm glad you're here. Every week, we get to show up, hang out, and figure out more about the amazing God who created us. And this month, we're in a series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God.' We've been talking about what it means to be God's masterpiece. Not perfect ... but purposeful. It's going to be great!

But before we get to that, we're going to kick things off with a game that tests your speed, your memory, and your ability to notice details others might miss.

GAME SLIDE 1: *Quick Take Title*

I need two brave competitors to go head-to-head in 'Quick Take!' If you're fast, alert, and mildly competitive, raise your hand!

(Pick two kids, and have them stand on either side of the stool/table with the buzzer/random object between them.)

Alright, here's how this works: I'm going to show an image on the screen for ten seconds. The moment it disappears; I'll ask one question.

Whoever hits the buzzer first gets to answer. If you're right, you win the round. If you're wrong, your opponent gets a shot. Sound good?

Okay, competitors ... eyes on the screen. Your ten seconds start now!

GAME SLIDE 2: *Quick Take* (Key Object: Red arrow)

(Keep the slide up for ten seconds, then take it down.)

Question: What color was the arrow? GO!

(Whichever kid hits the buzzer first gets to answer.)

Alright, you grabbed it first! What's your answer?

(If the first kid guesses right, they win the round. Celebrate both players, have them take a seat, and start a new round.)

(If the first kid guesses wrong, the second kid can answer. If both kids guess wrong, let the audience help them out. Celebrate both players, have them take a seat, and start a new round.)

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for two new volunteers at the start of each round. Use the game slides and questions below for more rounds—one game slide and question per round.)

GAME SLIDE 3: Quick Take (Key Object: Clock showing 3:00) (Question: What time was on the clock?)

GAME SLIDE 4: Quick Take (Key Object: Four stars) (Question: How many stars were there?)

GAME SLIDE 5: Quick Take (Key Object: Pink heart) (Question: What shape was pink?)

GAME SLIDE 6: Quick Take (Key Object: Snow-covered mountain) (Question: Was the mountain covered with snow or not?)

GAME SLIDE 7: Quick Take (Key Object: Open book) (Question: What object was open?)

GAME SLIDE 8: Quick Take (Key Object: Left-pointing arrow) (Question: Which direction was the arrow pointing?)

GAME SLIDE 9: Quick Take (Key Object: 4 paintbrushes) (Question: How many paintbrushes were there?)

GAME SLIDE 10: Quick Take (Key Object: Man running) (Question: Was the man running or sitting?)

GAME SLIDE 11: Quick Take (Key Object: 3 frames) (Question: How many frames were there?)

Good job!

Let's take a moment to look at our Memory Verse for this month. This verse is so important because It tells us this truth: God creates with intention, purpose, and incredible detail. Nothing about you is random. And that's what this verse is talking about!.

SLIDE: Memory Verse "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well (Psalm 139:14 NIRV).

To get started, I need your help with something. I'm going to say a scenario, and you respond by raising your hand if it's happened to you. Ready?

First one: Raise your hand if you've ever had a plan fall apart. Maybe a project, a test, a game, or just your whole day ... and it went nowhere close to what you pictured.

Next one: Raise your hand if you've ever had something happen that you didn't understand until later. Maybe it ended up being better than you thought. Maybe something good came out of it.

Okay, one more. Raise your hand if there's something in your life right now that you wish made more sense.

Thank you for answering! Here's why we're doing this. Every single one of us has moments we don't love, moments that confuse us, moments that don't go the way we planned. But here's what's incredible: God doesn't waste any of it.

Today, we're learning that God can use all things for good. Not just the happy parts of your story. But even the moments you raised your hand for. Even the things you'd rather skip.

VIDEO: *The So and So Show* (11:58)

Today, we learned that God doesn't waste anything. Even when life feels confusing or hard, God can work through every part of your story to shape you to be more like Jesus. Moses saw it. Paul saw it. And you'll see it too. God can use all things.

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

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

What do you need to trust God with?

You might have something on your mind today. Something that feels heavy, confusing, or just not how you wish it was. Maybe it's something happening at home. Maybe it's a friendship that changed. Maybe it's a situation you can't fix.

Since God really works for good in all things, then even the thing you're thinking about right now is something He can work through. So take a second and be honest with yourself: What is one part of your story that you need to hand over to Him? What's the thing you're carrying that God is inviting you to trust Him with?

That's what your group is going to talk about today. Not the complicated version, not the perfect version, just the real, honest version of what you need God to help you with.

Let's pray.

God, thank You that nothing in our lives is wasted. Thank You that You see every part of our story—even the parts that feel confusing, frustrating, or hard. Help us trust that You are working for good in all

things, even when we can't see how yet. When we face moments that don't make sense, remind us that You are good, You are close, and You are shaping us to become more like Jesus. Give us the courage to trust You with the things we're carrying today. We love You, and we're thankful that You never stop working for good. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHECK THE TIME: There should be 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part and just have kids bring up their money.

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!