

ALLEY Rundown – August 8th- 9th, 2026

Bible Story: Created for a Purpose • *Ephesians 2:10, 1 Timothy 4:12*

Conversation Starter: What purpose did God make you for?

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: 2 posterboards (per service), 2 rolls of masking tape (plus extra)

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: Dude Perfect

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everyone! Welcome to The Alley! I'm really glad you're here today. This month, we're in a series called 'Masterpiece—Made by God,' and we've been talking about how we are God's masterpiece—His favorite creation!

Today is going to be a good one. Now, to get us started, I want you to turn to someone near you and ask, 'How was your week?' Go!

Today, we're kicking off with something creative and fast. And definitely something you can't prepare for.

(Hold up a roll of masking tape.)

This is all you get. Just tape. And what you do with it is either going to reveal some hidden artistic talent ... or give the rest of us the chance to figure out what you created!

Today's game is called 'Rapid Shapes!'

GAME SLIDE 1: Rapid Shapes Title

I'm going to need two teams of two. If you're ready to play, raise your hand!

(Pick four volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and split them into two teams of two. Have each team stand in front of a posterboard and give each player one roll of masking tape.)

Here's how it works: Each round, I'll give you something to create. You have one minute to create that shape on your posterboard using only masking tape. Masking tape and creativity.

Everyone else, your job is simple. Cheer them on! Make this place feel like a live design contest.

Then, I'll choose the winner of each round based on creativity. Sound good?

Okay, teams, your first shape is ... a globe.

Ready ... set ... go!

Video: One-Minute Countdown

(Start one-minute countdown. Allow the teams to create with the masking tape until the one-minute countdown is up.)

And ... time! Step away from your tape creations!

(Pick a winner based on creativity and celebrate both teams.)

Great job to both of our teams! You guys can take your seats.

Okay, let's get two more teams up here! Turn the posterboards around and we will use the other side for round 2.

(If you don't have more kids, let the same kids go again)

Okay, teams, your second shape is ... a face.

(Pick a winner based on creativity and celebrate both teams.)

That was awesome! Our artists got a different shape each round, but the job stayed the same: Take what you have and make something out of it. What we're learning about today is God taking something and being very intentional in creating it for a purpose. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Bible Story

Today, we learned something huge: Purpose isn't something you have to chase into your future. It's not about choosing the perfect job or figuring out your whole life. Before anything else, God says you are His creation. You belong to Christ Jesus. You are a child of the King.

And then, out of who you are, He created good works that only you can do.

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

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

What purpose did God make you for?

This is the question I want you to take seriously today: What purpose did God make you for?

As we saw today, your purpose starts with who you are: a child of the King. And then you are to do the good works God has prepared for you.

Why are there good works prepared for you to do? Well, those good works show the world who God is. Good works are one of the ways you show the world that you are God's and you are living like Him. Good works are one of the ways you glorify or make much of God.

God has prepared good works for you: What might those be this week? Who could you encourage? Who could you include? Who needs kindness? Where do you need to choose truth? What situation in your life needs a little more Jesus in it?

In your Small Groups, talk about what that looks like. Talk about the gifts you have. Talk about what others see in you. And talk about what the next good work might be that God is putting in front of you.

Let's pray together.

God, thank You for creating each one of us with a purpose. We belong to You. Help us remember that our big purpose is to glorify You and show the world what You're like through the way we live. Help us see the next good work You've put in front of us today and give us courage to take that step. Remind us that even small things matter to You and that You can use us right now, no matter our age, to point people to You. Thank You for walking with us, step by step, and for shaping us to reflect You more and more. We love You, God, and we want to glorify You in everything we do. 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

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 was taken from a team from our church that just finished installing a brand new well. Listen carefully as the man is a little hard to understand.

Missions video 3

Amazing right? The money we raise for these wells really make a BIG impact the villages in Malawi! make it complicated. You just start with this question: Since I belong to Jesus, how can I show the world more of who He is today?