

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

1. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: “The ‘I’ in Kind” Activity Page (one per kid), fine-tip markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an “The ‘I’ in Kind” Activity Page.
- Point out how the letters K-N-D are solid, but the letter ‘I’ is just an outline.
- Say: “Our purpose is to be kind and show God’s love. But we can’t do that until we understand who ‘I’ am in Christ.”
- Challenge them to spend a few minutes quietly thinking about what they’ve learned today.
- Instruct them to fill in the outline of the “I” with specific ways they can be kind and live out their purpose this week. They can use words or small drawings.
 - Examples: “Listen to my mom,” “Share my video game,” “Ask the new kid to sit with me,” “Stop gossiping.”
- Allow for a few minutes of quiet reflection and writing.
- Have kids share what they wrote/drew.

Say: “It all starts with ‘I.’ Knowing who I am in Jesus is what gives me the power to be kind to others. You can pray and ask God to help us live out the things we wrote down.”

2. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Open the Bible and read Ephesians 2:10 out loud.
- Share key points, like:
 - God created you to belong to Jesus!
 - Now that you belong to Jesus, you can live like Him and do good works.
 - God has placed you exactly where you are, with the gifts and experiences you have, to do good works like Jesus!
- Explain that as God’s creation, our purpose is to reflect Him to the world.
- Help your group spell out J-E-S-U-S with their bodies. Challenge the group to work together to either lie on the ground or stand/sit to form the letters using only their bodies. They might have to link arms or bend in a certain way.

Say: “It took every single one of you working together to spell out the name of Jesus. Each person was a necessary part of showing the name ‘Jesus.’ That’s a great picture of what it means to be the Church. God doesn’t want just one person to show His love; He wants all of us to work together. Our purpose is to use every part of who we are—our hands, our feet, our minds, our voices—to reflect Jesus to the world.”

3. Discussion Questions

- Why do you think God cares more about who you are than what you do?
- If God already prepared good works for you, how does that change the pressure you might feel about figuring out your future?
- Timothy didn’t wait until he was older to live out his purpose. What are some reasons people your age might feel like they’re “too young” to make a difference—and do you think that’s true? Why or why not?
- What are some things about your personality, skills, or life experiences that God might use to show His love to others?
- **What purpose did God make you for?**

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Beanbag

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Psalm 139:14.
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Have the kids join you in a standing circle.
- Explain the rules of the game: You will say the Memory Verse together as a group while tossing the ball/beanbag across the circle from person to person.
- The goal is not to be the person holding the ball/beanbag when the verse ends.
- Start saying the verse and toss the ball/beanbag to a kid. They must quickly toss it to someone else.
- Keep tossing the ball randomly across the circle.
- When the verse is finished, whoever is holding the ball is out and can sit down.
- The kids who are sitting can still say the verse and cheer for their friends.
- Continue playing until only one kid is left standing

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- “God, thank You for making each of us with a special purpose. Thank You for making us Your masterpiece. Help us to remember who we are in You so we can be the people You created us to be. Show us how to be kind and how to love others this week in the ways we wrote down. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for Alley Cash!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, invite kids to tell them something that they learned today.