

ALLEY Rundown – September 26th- 27th, 2026

Bible Story: The Vine and the Branches • *John 15:1-11*

Conversation Starter: What is standing in the way of you and Jesus?

Monthly Memory Verse: *My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.* • John 10:27 Nlrv

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

What's up, everyone! Raise your hand if you're feeling ready to get things started right now. Okay ... some of you. That's alright. We're going to fix that right now!

Turn to someone near you and give them your best, 'Let's do this!' Big energy. Go!

All month long, in this series called 'Frequency,' we're learning how we can tune in and hear from God! God talks to us because He loves us. He wants us to stay close to Him so we can hear His voice and follow Him. It's going to be great! But now it's time for a game! It's called 'Stay Connected!' Let's play!

GAME SLIDE: *Stay Connected! Title*

Here's how we play. You are going work ayour small group. In your group, when I give you instructions on what to do, you must stay physically connected the whole time. That means holding hands, linking elbows, but you cannot let go! If your group breaks apart, you sit down. Let's get into our groups!

Let's get started! Everyone, connect! Grab hands or link arms! Make sure nobody is left out. We stay connected!"

AUDIO: *Upbeat Music*

First challenge ... JUMP! All together! No one break loose! Let me see you now jump five times together! Now ten! Don't let go! Keep holding on! Whew! That was a lot of jumping! Great job! Let's keep going.

Next ... SPIN!

I see some dizzy people! Stay connected!

Next challenge ... SIT DOWN!

Okay ... now a fun one. Let me see your best dance move! I see those dances! We have got a coordinated group dance over here!

Wow! That was so much fun! Great job! You can all take a seat.

Just like we had to stay connected to each other in the game, we need to stay connected to God. When we stay close to Him, He helps us grow strong. He helps us listen. He helps us follow Him.

Let's check out this month's memory verse. In this verse, Jesus says, *'My sheep listen to my voice.'* That means we can learn to listen to Him. We listen when we read the Bible. We listen when we pray. We listen when someone teaches us about Him.

Then He says, *'I know them.'* Think about that. Jesus knows you. He knows your name. He knows your thoughts. He knows your heart. You are not forgotten.

And then He says, *'and they follow me.'* When sheep hear their shepherd, they walk behind him. When we hear Jesus and trust Him, we follow Him.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27 NIV).

What an awesome truth about putting Jesus at the center of our lives. We can know Jesus and know His voice. But then, once we hear Jesus' voice, what's next is crucial—*following* Him. One huge step we can take in making Jesus the center of our lives is to follow Him—to do as He did, to talk like He talked, to love people, to encourage them, to show kindness in a world that isn't always the most kind. This week, let's follow Jesus and grow closer to Him as we make Him the center of our lives. Let's check out the So and So Show.

VIDEO: So and So Show (9:30)

Today, we talked about Jesus being our source. He talked about how He is the vine and we are the branches, and that apart from Him we can't do anything. We *need* Jesus in our lives! When we stay close to Him, when we make Him our source, He begins to transform our lives from the inside out. He changes our hearts, and we begin to bear the fruit that He wants us to.

It's here that we can experience growth! No one is perfect. We all drift away from God from time to time—it's a part of being a human.

What's also human is turning toward other things to be the source of our wholeness, peace, and joy. It could be success in grades or sports or whatever! But we weren't made to run on those things. So seek closeness to Jesus above anything else.

As you're heading to Small Groups, think about these things—what's standing in the way. We'll unpack it more in Small Groups, and pray for one another. We can help each other out and we can point each other back to Jesus.

Let's talk to Him together right now.

Jesus, thank You that You are the true source for us, and that we can trust that You will take care of us. We're grateful that You love us, and we're grateful that You want us to have joy. Forgive us where we've drifted away, and please help us to return to You with our whole hearts. Help those of us who may have never made the decision to follow You to choose to follow You. Please help us all remain

close to You. We want to be Your close, close friend. We love You, and 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!