

# Alley Rundown - August 18-19, 2018

**Bible Story:** Everybody Wants to Rule the World (Rehoboam Listens to Fools) \* 2  
*Chronicles 10 (Proverbs 13:20)*

**Bottom Line:** If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people.

**Key Question:** Why does it matter who your friends are?

**Memory Verse:** “If any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He will give it to you.” *James 1:5a (NirV)*

“Hey, everyone! Glad to see you all here today. So . . . I have some things to show you. Check out these pictures . . .”

**CG: Bell bottom pants**

“Check out the size of those cuffs! Whew—they’re huge! Okay, now check out this picture . . .”

**CG: Hammer pants**

“Those pants are too legit to quit! Oh yeah! And what about these . . .”

**CG: Guy’s skinny jeans/ tight rolled bottoms**

“Part pants, part boa constrictor! Man, are those tight! And look at that sweet cuff. Rolled to perfection!”

“Okay, so NOW I can ask: what do these three have in common? *(Pause for response.)*”

“They are all fads! First, we got the toy fads . . . you know, the ones that when you see someone else has one you just have to have one! Then there are the challenge fads. The cinnamon challenge, the ice bucket challenge and, dare I even have to say it, the Tide Pod challenge. Not all fads are good—some are crazy. I mean, really? Eating Tide Pods? That’s POISON! And then there are the clothing fads seen in these different pant styles have made their way in and out of fashion through the years.”

“Why do we call them fads? Because it describes something that catches on really quickly, it seems like everybody has one or is doing it or is wearing it, and then all of a sudden, it’s gone and we’re off to the next fad. Fads depend on our seeing what the person next to us is doing and wanting to do the same thing! In other words, fads don’t make sense alone.”

“Now, for the most part, these things are funny and most pretty harmless . . . not including Tide Pods, obviously! But like those tide pods, what happens when the fad is not so harmless? What happens when the thing that others are influencing you to do can actually affect your life in a really negative way? That’s what we’ll be exploring in today’s episode. Take a look!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:48)**

“There is a proverb that Solomon wrote that would have changed the outcome of this story if only his son, Rehoboam, had followed it. It says this—*(Read directly from Proverbs 13:20)* ‘Walk with wise people and become wise. A companion of foolish people suffers harm, *(NirV)*.’”

“Why does it matter who you surround yourself with? Because you become like your friends. Rehoboam listened to fools, and in the end, he made an extremely foolish choice. When you have tough choices to make, whom do you ask? Whom do you accept advice from? Who helps you make decisions? These are important questions, and this a great time to start asking them!”

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“As you head to Small Group, think about this. Why does it matter who your friends are? Why can't we just hang around with whomever we want? You'll have a chance to talk all about it during Small Group. But before you head there, let's worship God with our offering and attention.”

**OFFERING TIME:**

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Michael and Valerie**

**CG: Picture of Child**

“Offering Time is important here in the Alley, because it gives you all an opportunity to worship God by giving your money generously. Here at *(your campus)*, we give our offering to help support *(your campus child)* in Kenya. Our offering goes to show kindness to them by buying clothes, and food, and other materials they may need. If you brought an offering today, you may place it in our Alley Offering Bin *(point children to location of bin)*

**CG: Alley Offering Bin JPEG**

...when the video plays. If not, that's ok too. You can bring an offering next week. The Bible tells us this about bringing our offerings to Him...”

**CG: Offering Verse JPEG (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)**

*(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)*

**CG: Worship Experience (Runtime: 5:00)**