

# Alley Rundown - August 4-5, 2018

**Bible Story:** Walk This Way (Jesus Grows in Wisdom) \* *Luke 2:41-52*

**Bottom Line:** If you want to be wise, search for wisdom.

**Key Question:** What does it mean to be wise?

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

## Fun Welcome:

"Hey, everyone! I am so pumped for another month here in The Alley! This month we are on a hunt because wisdom is worth searching for! Let's get started right away. How many of you like trivia? Man, I love it . . . and I need three contestants to play a game!

*Choose three volunteers.*

"Alright, I know there are some pretty popular trivia games out there. I've got a few trivia categories that you might be used to seeing. We've got Geography, History, Sports, Entertainment, Arts, and Science.

"In a moment, you will choose a category. Once a category is out of questions, we will remove it from the list. The person with the most correct answers wins. Got it? Let's play!"

*Determine the number of rounds you would like to play and go one at a time through the three contestants. Below are the categories and questions. Once a category is out of questions, announce it as such.*

### History:

*\*What President delivered the Gettysburg Address? Abraham Lincoln*

*\*What famous ship sank after striking an iceberg? The Titanic*

### Science:

*\*What sweet food do bees make by using nectar from flowers? Honey*

*\*What is the top color on a rainbow? Red*

### Arts:

*\*In the nursery rhyme, who sat on the wall before having a great fall? Humpty Dumpty*

*\*Which instrument is a woodwind: the trumpet, the guitar, or the clarinet? Clarinet*

### Sports:

*\*What sport did Wayne Gretzky play? Hockey*

*\*What state has the most professional sports teams (baseball, football, basketball, hockey)? California -15*

### Entertainment:

*\*What school does Harry Potter attend? Hogwarts*

*\*What is the name of the bear in The Jungle Book? Baloo*

### Geography:

*\*What country is home of the kangaroo? Australia*

*\*What is the tallest mountain in the world? Mount Everest*

“(At the end of the game) Man, you guys sure know a lot! Well done!”

**Begin Rundown...**

“You guys are trivia champs! Some of those questions had me stumped! Alright, so I have another question for ALL of you. How many of you recognize this guy?”

**CG: Picture of Ken Jennings**

“Not many I’m guessing. Now the picture kind of tips us off a little bit because of what he is holding in his hand. What show do you think he is on? *(Pause for response.)* Back in 2004, Ken Jennings was a contestant on the famous trivia show *Jeopardy*. And when I say he was a contestant, I don’t just mean on one show. Ken Jennings won a record *74 nights in a row!* See, on *Jeopardy*, if you win, you get to come back and defend your victory in the next show, and you stay on the show until someone defeats you . . . and he was on *Jeopardy* for 2.5 months! And in those 74 games, he won over 2.5 million dollars! This guy is a trivia master. So if you asked me who I think is one of the smartest people I know, Ken Jennings would probably be one of the first names that comes to my mind.

“But here’s a question for you: if you asked me who is one of the *wisest* people I know of, would I have said the same thing? In other words, is being smart the same thing as being wise?”

“Let me take that further: if I’m good at trivia and know a lot of facts like Ken Jennings . . . or if I’m a really good test-taker and get all A’s without trying too hard . . . does that mean I am a *wise* person? Take a minute and turn and discuss what you think with your group. Are smart and wise the same thing?”

*Students turn and share with their groups.*

“Okay, we’ll have time to discuss that more in a bit, but let’s get into the Bible today and see what it has to say about wisdom.”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:48)**

“As you go to small group today, I want you to wrestle more with this idea of smart vs. wise. Ask yourself this question:

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“**What does it mean to be wise?** I think you’ll have a lot of good things to discuss. And then think about these three images and what it means to live them out. Before we head to Small Groups, let’s take some time to worship God with our offering and our attention.”

**OFFERING TIME:**

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Michael and Valerie**

**CG: Picture of Child**

**CG: Nairobi Facts JPEG**

“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. We have a picture of some fun facts about Nairobi where *(campus child)* lives! 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)**

**NOTE: Students will spend time in quiet prayer, praying for the upcoming school year. No supplies needed. Countdown Timer will be 3 minutes long.**