

# Alley Rundown - October 6-7, 2018

**Bible Story:** That's All Right (Paul in Prison) • *Philippians 4:11b-13*

**Bottom Line:** God can help you be okay no matter what.

**Key Question:** What do you do when things don't go your way?

**Memory Verse:** "Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15 NIV)

**CG: Baptism Class Promo JPEG**

Promo: "If you have ever wanted to be baptized, wondered what it means, or how to take that next step in your friendship with Jesus, Baptism Class is for you! Our next class is October 14<sup>th</sup>, right here at (your campus)! Talk to your parent/guardian about signing up today."

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Alley After Hours**

**CG: Alley After Hours JPEG**

Promo: "Alley After Hours is coming up on November 2<sup>nd</sup>! It is a great time, with lots of fun, food, games, and even some prizes! Don't miss it, and don't forget to invite a friend that has never been here before! Cost is only \$5!"

**CONNECT TIME: This time is intended to break the ice with your group, and lead into the Rundown. Choose from the 2 below options, based on the size and dynamic of your group.**

## 1. Who's Hungry?

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- **Ask** students to share their best imitations of a hungry, growling stomach.
- **Invite** everyone to group together in huddle.
- **Choose** someone to step away from the group and turn his/her back to them.
- **Explain** that you will point to someone in the huddle who will then make the sound of his stomach growling for two seconds.
- When the growling stops, **let** the kids in the huddle rearrange themselves and then let the person outside of the huddle turn around and guess who made the sound.
- **Switch** students and play again.

## 2. Don't Flinch!

**What You Need:** Balloons, straightened paper clip

**What You Do:**

- **Give** each student a balloon and ask him/her to inflate it. (Or provide balloons that you have already inflated.)
- **Let** the students take turns holding their balloons in one hand and using the straightened paper clip to pop it.

- The goal is for them to not flinch, blink, or freak out in any way when the balloon pops.
- **Repeat** until everyone has had a turn then choose a “Flinch Master,” the person who reacted the least when his/her balloon popped.

### **Wrap Up and Say:**

“Some things come naturally to us. Being hungry or flinching at loud noises. No one taught you to flinch, blink, or jump when a loud sound takes you by surprise. No one taught you how to be hungry. This month we will be finding out what God says about something that doesn’t come naturally to any of us.”

*Begin Rundown...*

“Hey everybody! Good you see you all here today! My name is (your name) and I’m excited to get started on a brand new topic here in The Alley. Now, before we get started, it’s time for something a little new here in the Alley, the “Alley Cash Call”! Before every service we will open the Alley Shack, and close it when we start. Also, every time you come here to the Alley, you’ll have a chance to earn more Alley Cash in these ways... ”

**ALLEY CASH CALL: \$1 New Kids, \$1 Bible, \$1 Brought a First Time Guest, \$3 God Time Sheet**

**NOTE: Hand Out Alley Cash according to the above criteria.**

*Transition to telling a personal story similar to the following story or set up the following as a hypothetical (“Imagine if . . .”).*

*“I have a question to start us off. Have you ever had a time where something didn’t go your way? Like, no matter how much you planned and tried, nothing seemed to work out in your favor? (allow response)*

*Maybe something like this. See, there was this one vacation my family went on when I was a kid. My parents had planned the spring break trip of a lifetime to Disney World! Some of you may be thinking that you go to Disney World all of the time, but this was HUGE for us. We had never been, and this was finally THE year. But when we got to the airport, our flight had been delayed—so delayed that we missed our connecting flight to Florida! We ended up having to rent this tiny car and drive the rest of the way. But it doesn’t stop there. When we got to our hotel, the pool was closed for renovations. Our first day in the parks the lines were so long that we hardly got to ride any rides. And on one ride, when we had already waited an hour, they shut the ride down because somebody had gotten sick! And on top of that, it rained . . . it poured. Every. Single. Day. When we were planning our trip, this was NOT how it was supposed to go. I can tell you THAT!”*

“Have you ever experienced something like this? I bet many of you have. And because almost all of us can relate to a situation like that, here’s a follow-up question: when things don’t go your way, how do you react to it? *(allow response)* I mean if I’m being honest, I didn’t react the best on our soggy Disney vacation. But who wouldn’t react like that, right? Everything you planned was ruined, nothing went the way you wanted, and life during that time was downright miserable. But I wonder . . . is there another way we can respond? That’s a big question. And with big questions, we need big answers. And the first place we should look is God’s Word, the Bible. Let’s take a look at this week’s episode!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:15)**

“As you go to small group today, think about this question:

**CG: Key Question Slide**

“**What do you do when things don't go your way?** Not what do you wish you did or what do you think you did, but really think about it. What's your go-to attitude when life doesn't go your way? Talk about some of your own stories of times when things did not go as expected. You'll get to talk about it with your Small Group, too. Before you head there, though, let's spend some time worshipping God with our offering and attention.”

**OFFERING TIME:**

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Michael and Valerie**

**CG: Picture of Child**

**CG: Kenyan Flag**

“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 the Kenyan Flag 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 (Acts 20:35)**

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

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

**NOTE: Students will stand to sing a song of worship together**