

Alley Rundown - November 24-25, 2018

Bible Story: All Together Now (One Body but Many Parts) • 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Bottom Line: Work together to point others to Jesus.

Key Question: What part do you think you can play?

Memory Verse: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. (Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIV)

CONNECT TIME: This time is meant to engage your students, or “break the ice”, and develop relationships within your time together.

GAME: “Mashed Potatoes”

What You Need: Dice (1 per Small Group), “Mr. Potato Head” Activity Page (1 per Small Group), Set of ears, nose, feet, mouth and eyes (1 per small group)

What You Do:

- **Gather** kids together into their Small Groups.
- **Give** each Small Group a potato and a die.
- **Spread** out the ears, nose, feet, mouth and eye cards face up.
- **Instruct** teams to work together to collect all the parts to create their unique “Mr. Potato Head.”
- To play:
 - On your cue, teams **roll** their die.
 - If they roll a:
 - 1 – select an eye
 - 2 – select an ear
 - 3 – select a mouth
 - 4 – select a foot/shoe
 - 5 – select a nose
 - 6 – select any piece you need
 - For each number they roll let teams place the body part on their potato using tape.
 - The first team to complete a “Mr. Potato Head” wins.

What You Say:

“Sometimes working together is easy, and other times it is really difficult. Whether it is easy or not, it is important to remember that everyone has something to contribute. God created each of us unique, with different skills and strengths, and when we work together and use our skills together, we can often do more than we could do alone. **[Transition] Let’s get started on our talk today! We’ll hear about the importance of everyone contributing and recognizing no part is too small when we choose to work together.**”

Begin Rundown...

“What’s up Alley? So, when I was growing up (or in high school/college/a few years ago), the video game *Guitar Hero* was kind of a big deal. Does anyone remember *Guitar Hero*? (Pause for response.) For those unfamiliar, it was a video game where the controller was a plastic guitar. The objective was to play the notes that scrolled on the screen at the right time. All day we would slam on that plastic guitar strumming the little bar in the middle that made so much noise it sounded like a speed-writer hammering out a novel on the world’s loudest typewriter. For lots of people, *Guitar Hero* RULED. In fact, every single one of my friends played the game ALL the time, and they were all SUPER good at it. Whenever I would hang out at their houses, all they wanted to do was power up their Playstations® and jam out like rock stars on *Guitar Hero*. It was the single greatest use of the human pinky finger the world has ever known.”

“Although I had a number of hobbies in common with my friends, *Guitar Hero* was not one. It wasn’t that I hated the game. Honestly, I was just terrible at it. So, when I would go over to my friends’ houses to play *Guitar Hero*, I usually didn’t fare so well. In fact, they would straight up OWN me! They had all the time in the world after school and on the weekends to master their *Guitar Hero* skills. And it didn’t matter how much time and practice I put into the game; they would get perfect scores while I would still be struggling to make my pinky finger work well enough to hit that stinkin’ blue fret. They made it look SO easy! I felt left out, and I felt like I didn’t really . . . fit in. And it felt . . . awful.”

“Has there ever been a time when you didn’t feel like you fit in? I’m going to go on a limb and say that there are probably many of you who have felt like the odd person out. Maybe it wasn’t playing *Guitar Hero*, but it could have been playing baseball. Ever been to tryouts where all the kids seem to be slugging the ball clear to the outfield with an effortless swing, but you’re struggling to even see the ball before it lands in the catcher’s glove? Maybe it’s dance. Have you ever been taught a new dance where every single person in the class seems to pick up the entire routine on the first try, but you’re struggling to remember where your feet are supposed to go?”

“It is in those moments when life is no fun and you feel like you don’t really fit in. When you are surrounded by tons of talent . . . talent you don’t possess . . . you may wonder what is your gift? How has God wired you to uniquely work with others? You may ask, ‘How can God use me?’”

“That’s a great question to ask! And when we have questions like that, where should we head first? That’s right! The Bible—God’s Word. Let’s check it out together!

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:21)

“We get special gifts from God when we trust in Jesus, but individually, we all have some sort of talents. For some, they know their talents early on in life. Maybe they have incredible hand-eye coordination, which helps in sports. Some may be able to retain incredible amounts of knowledge to help them remember important information. Others may be naturally kind to everyone they encounter.”

“For some, it may take a little time to discover their talents. If this is you, don’t sweat it. There are a number of people in your life who can help you figure it out: moms, dads, coaches, and even your small group leaders! You may not know exactly what it is right now, but that is OKAY. Whether you know your talent or not, just know that you are uniquely made to work with others to point people to Jesus.”

“Paul also wrote, (*Open Bible and read 1 Corinthians 12:26-27 NIV.*) ‘If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.’ In other words, each of us plays an important part. When all the believers in Jesus don’t work together, people notice. This happens when we argue and are not showing love. But when the body does work together, when the believers are in tune, people see this as well. They see the love, the help, and the compassion we offer. This is very valuable because together we point people to Jesus.”

“Pretty good stuff, right? If all of us make up the body of Christ, which means each of us has a part to play in what God is doing to change the world. As you head to Small Group, think about this question:

CG: Key Question Slide

“**What part do you think you can play?** What are you good at? How has God gifted you to love and serve others? You’ll talk more about all of this in Small Group, but before we head out 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

CG: Distance between Chicago and Nairobi 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 the distance between Chicago and Nairobi! That’s seems like forever away, but when we give our offering, it’s like we are reaching right into Nairobi to help out. 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 (Hebrews 13:16 NIV)

Invite students to place their offering in the bin while the below video plays.

CG: Dear God Offering Video (Runtime 1:30)

NOTE: No Worship Experience this weekend due to length of Connect Time.

Dismiss to Small Groups