

Alley Rundown - November 3-4, 2018

Bible Story: Come Together (Building the Tabernacle) • *Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43 (Exodus 19, 25)*

Bottom Line: God wants us to work together.

Key Question: Why would God want us to work together?

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.

Choose from the below activities, based on the size/dynamic of your group.

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Sit** in a circle and tell kids close their eyes.
- **Explain** that the group will create a mental picture with each person adding a detail to the picture.
- **Start** by giving the group an object to imagine, such as a cat.
- **Ask** someone to add a detail he or she is imaging about the cat, like a *black* cat.
- **Continue** taking turns to add details to create a bigger picture, such as “a black cat sitting on a chair.”
 - The object is not to tell a story but to share what you are “seeing.”
 - Make sure everyone adds a detail to the picture.
- **Give** kids an opportunity to discuss how their original mental picture changed as the group added details.

2. Get Your Head in the Game

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- **Divide** kids into teams. Ideally, each team should have at least 3-5 kids on it.
- **Explain** that teams will compete to form different objects with their bodies.
- To play:
 - The judge (the Host or a Small Group Leader) **shouts** out an object.
 - Teams lay on the ground and work together to form the object using their bodies.
 - The judge **declares** the winner; whichever team forms the object the fastest, the best, the closest to what the object actually looks like, etc.
 - Suggestions for objects could include: a square, a house, a flower, a boat, etc.

What You Say:

“This game took a lot of teamwork. One person alone couldn’t create a square or a house, but when you worked together, there was a lot you could do. Teamwork is important for a lot of things we need to do. **[Transition] Let’s get started with our talk today.**”

Begin Rundown...

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.

“How many of you would say that your friends are the best friends ever!? Yeah, me too! I love my friends. But have you ever had to *work* with your friends? I’ve gotta be honest—sometimes working with friends isn’t all that great. By a show of hands, how many of you have ever had to work on a project with a group of your friends or a group of classmates? *(Pause for response.)* Sure, we all have! Now, by another show of hands, how many of you had team members who maybe didn’t put in the same amount of work as you did on the project? *(Pause for response)* I was afraid of that. Yeah, working with other people can be super frustrating, ESPECIALLY when they don’t work as hard as you. A lot of the time, it seems like it would be easier just to do it all by yourself, right?”

“Working alone is fine in theory, sure, but in practice it’s not always a walk in the park. Really, it would be so much EASIER if we could do it all alone. Haven’t you ever thought, ‘I can do it better if I do it MYSELF,’ or ‘I don’t need to ask for help, I’ve got this handled’? That’s a good question, a question you may not think the writers of the Bible would talk about, but guess what? They do!

And one of those stories starts with a guy you might have heard of—Moses. God asked him to be in charge of a HUGE task. Let’s see how this played out for him.”

“We pick up the story in Exodus, the second book of the Old Testament in our Bibles. After being enslaved for over 400 years in Egypt, the Israelites were finally free! No longer forced to do manual labor for the Egyptians, the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness. Although free, adjusting to this new life was difficult. The food wasn’t as abundant, and water wasn’t always available, but God provided for their needs. Since being a nation was new to them and since He was new to most of them, God wanted to show His people a little about who He is and also show them the best way to live. So He called Moses to go to the top of Mount Sinai for a conversation. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:10)

“With everyone’s help, the team was able to accomplish a seemingly impossible task, and all together they were able to create a place for God to live among His people. In fact, Exodus 39:42-43 says, *(read directly from the Bible)* ‘*The Israelites had done all the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses. Moses looked over the work carefully. He saw that the workers had done it just as the LORD had commanded. So Moses gave them his blessing.*’ (NIRV).

“This was a huge project for Moses—so big that there was no way Moses could have finished it alone. But here’s the thing: God never INTENDED for Moses to build the tabernacle by himself. God made SPECIFIC PLANS to ensure Moses’ success: He brought in OTHER PEOPLE to help.”

“God designed us to WORK with OTHERS. I mean, take a look aaaaall the way back in Genesis: did God create Adam and say, ‘Yep, this guy can handle it alone’? NO! God created EVE to have Adam’s back and for him to have hers!

Sometimes God will present us with a job that is TOO BIG for us to do single-handedly—that's because God wants us to WORK TOGETHER. Like we said at the beginning, this won't always be easy and will seem frustrating at times, but when we work together with others, we can do more than we can accomplish by ourselves! Like when your friend is working on her chores before you can hang out together, you could help her so you can hang out sooner. Or when you want to improve your jump shot, you could work with your coach to get better."

"God knows best how we can use our gifts and abilities together—for Him. As you head to Small Group, think about this question:"

CG: Key Question Slide

"Why would God want us to work together? Maybe it's working together at your house, in your school, in your neighborhood, or maybe in a completely different town or across the world. Why would God want that? Before we head to Small Groups, let's take some time to 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: 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)

Supplies Needed: Pens, Note Cards, 2 Bins (Labeled "Praise Report" and "Prayer Request")

NOTE: Students will write a "praise report" (something awesome that God is doing in their lives right now) or a "prayer request" on a Note Card and place it in the appropriately labeled bin.