

Alley Rundown - March 9-10, 2019

Bible Story: Between You and Me (The Lost Sheep) • Luke 15:1-7

Bottom Line: God wants to have a relationship with me.

Key Question: What does it mean to have a relationship with God?

Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14, NIV)

NOTE: Please be sure to read the below instructions for the Worship Experience this week, so as to be prepared to lead the activity!

“Hey, everyone! Good to see you all. I want to know: How many of you have been in a car when the driver got lost? I mean REALLY lost? Maybe it was a parent or sibling? Anyone? Yep. Me too! And in fact, this one time . . .”

Tell a story about when you got lost.

“Now, that’s a funny story that worked out fine in the end. Obviously, I eventually made it home—I’m here. And maybe you’ve had a time when you’ve gotten lost in the woods or at the mall. But . . . have you ever wondered if you could be lost even when you’re in a familiar place? Like being lost in just about the location you’re in? What if there is a way to be lost that is not just physical? What if we can actually be lost when it comes to God? And is it possible to be lost in our relationships with God and not even know it?”

“I know that I’ve had questions like that before. And when we have big questions about our faith, the best thing to do is talk about them with people we trust. Then look to God’s Word for some answers to those questions. Let’s do that now and check out this week’s episode...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

“Sometimes lost sheep might not even know they are lost. They wander away, and before they know it, they don’t know their way back. But thankfully they have a good shepherd who leaves everything behind to go find the lost sheep.”

“Here is the truth in the story Jesus tells: God wants to have a relationship with every single person . . . no matter what that person is like or how lost that person might be. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, out to find the lost sheep so that He can rejoice and bring them home.”

“God sent Jesus after you and after me, and because of that, we can have a relationship with God. Amazing right?”

“Today as you go to groups, think about this:

CG: Key Question Slide

“**What it means to have a relationship with God?** Think about this parable and how Jesus is the good shepherd searching for the lost sheep. What does it mean to be found by the shepherd and brought home? And how does that make you feel about God’s love for you? You’ll get a chance to talk more about all of that in Small Group. But let’s spend some time in offering and worship first before you head out.”

OFFERING TIME:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

CG: Kenyan Facts

“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 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 (Acts 20:35)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin)

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

Worship Experience: “Speed Sheep Saving” Game

What You Need: Cotton balls (1 per student, per service), craft sticks (8 per campus, per service), cardboard straws (1 per student, per service)

What You Do:

- **Explain** that kids will compete in a race.
- **Split** the group up into two even teams (ex: Boys vs. Girls, 4th vs. 5th Grade, etc.)
- **Position** teams by the Small Group Tables (1 table per team)
- To play:
 - **Give** each team four craft sticks, 1 “sheep” (a.k.a. cotton balls) per student, and 1 straw per student.
 - **Instruct** kids to build a sheep pen by forming an open-ended square with three of their craft sticks.
 - **Line** kids up at one end of the table, and their sheep pen on the other.
 - By blowing through their straws, kids “herd their sheep” from the “pasture” into their sheep pen.
 - The first team to have all “sheep” in their pen and to close the pen door with the fourth craft stick wins.
 - If time allows, play again.

What You Say:

“No sheep left behind! We are sometimes lost like sheep. Jesus the Good Shepherd brings us in and takes care of us. It is also important for us to lead others to Jesus and a safe place like Parkview! Great job guys! Enjoy Small Groups!”

Dismiss to Small Groups