

Alley Rundown – June 1-2, 2019

Bible Story: What Is Love? (Love Is . . .) • 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Key Question: How can you love others like God does?

Bottom Line: Love others because God loves you.

Memory Verse: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

NOTE: You will lead a short 5th Grade Graduation “Ceremony” at the end of this script.

Supplies Needed: Completed 5th Graders Forms, 5th Graders Gifts

“Hey, hey, everyone! I don’t know about you, but this whole week I have had a HUGE smile on my face that I’ve been unable to shake. Seriously! Anybody know why? *(Pause for responses)* That’s exactly it! Because it is officially *[or almost]* SUMMER BREAK! There are few things in this world I love more than the summertime! That’s why we’re so excited here in the Alley to announce that next week we’ll be having a Summer Themed event called...Summerpalooza! Check out this promo!”

CG: Summerpalooza Promo Video (Runtime: 1:00)

Supplies Needed: 2 Large Hula Hoops (per Campus)

NOTE: Choose 2 Volunteers (1 Boy and 1 Girl) to have a Hula Hooping Competition. Play a few rounds as time and interest allows.

“Make sure you invite some friends! It’s going to be a blast!”

“Is there anybody out there who gets a big smile over summer break? *(Pause for response)* Yeah, you do!”

“At my house, summer break means *(share a few things you love to do during the Summer)*”

“I think you get the picture. I LOVE summer!”

“What about all of you? Is there anything you absolutely love? Something you love so much that it puts an unshakeable smile on your face? Maybe it is something other than summer break— your pet iguana named Spike or your grandmother’s banana pudding or kicking it with your best friend, just to name a few examples. Let’s take a minute to discuss this. Everyone gather with some friends around you and share one thing you love.”

Allow students to take a minute to share something they love.

“Based on all the discussions I just observed, it appears there is a whole lot of things we love! I want all of us to take a moment to hear some of what you shared.”

Call on several students to hear highlights.

“What a list! I realize this is only a small sampling of the many things we love, but it’s plain to see we love all sorts of things. From video games to sports to food, we’ve got lots of love for it all!”

“Here’s something to think about. We love lots of different things, but what about when it’s people? When we say we “love” someone, what do we really mean? Do we love people the same way we love our Nintendo Switch? Should our love for people be different than our love of swimming pools? And what if the people we’re supposed to love let us down somehow? Do we still have to keep loving them?”

“Wow. Those are some big questions, right? It’s true that loving people can be hard and confusing sometimes. Thankfully, when we have big questions like that, we have a book with some big answers. And if you’ve been around here for a while, I’m pretty sure you know what book I’m taking about, right? Yeah—the Bible! The people inspired to write the Bible give us some great insight into what it looks like to love others, even when it might be hard.”

“Let’s head to our episode this week now and find out more...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:45)

“Loving others is no easy task. Showing love takes a lot of work sometimes. Life throws some frustrating situations our way, causing us to react. But in our reaction in those situations people will see either love or no love. The great thing, though, is that we don’t do this alone. When it comes to loving others, we can lean on Someone much stronger than we are, who has a perfect understanding of love. See, when you put your trust in Jesus, you have the Holy Spirit living inside you. And through the Holy Spirit, God is doing something in us to change the world around us with what Paul calls the Fruit of the Spirit—and one of the Fruits of the Spirit is . . . you guessed it . . . LOVE! In fact, each week this summer, we’ll be taking a look at a Fruit of the Spirit to discover more about what it means to follow Jesus.”

“When it comes to love, ask God for help. God wants us to love everyone. And God’s the expert on love. And what Paul talked about in 1 Corinthians 13 is exactly how God loves you and me. He is kind and patient with us even when we disobey. God went so far to send His Son to earth to die on a cross for us even though we are undeserving of His help. God wants to have a relationship with you . . . And God’s love never fails.”

“We about to head to our Small Groups to explore this kind of love a little more. Before we do, we have a few things to do. First off is, think about this question . . .”

CG: Key Question Slide

“**How can you love others like God does?** When it comes to your family, your friends, even your frenemies, how can you show them the sort of love Paul talked about? If you’re having trouble thinking of ideas, don’t worry. You’ll come up with all sorts of ideas during Small Group.”

5th Grade Graduation

“Second thing is, we have some amazing 5th graders in here that we get to celebrate today as they graduate from the Alley! Can I get some nice and soothing Graduation Music please?”

CG: Graduation Slide w/ Music (Runtime: 5:00)

Supplies Needed: Shoe Keychain, Form Answer Note Cards, and 1 Postcard (per 5th Grader, per Service)

NOTE: Call up 5th Graders one by one, read their answers to the form, and give them their gifts

“That was awesome! We love our 5th graders! Finally, before we head to Small Groups, let’s worship God with our offering!”

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 (Hebrews 13:16)

(Invite students to place their offerings in bin then dismiss to Small Groups)