

Alley Rundown - August 24-25, 2019

Bible Story: Live to Tell (Abraham to Isaac) • *Genesis 12-21*

Key Question: What do you think your leaders know that you don't?

Bottom Line: Trust and obey even if you don't know how it will work out.

Memory Verse: "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." 2 John 6 (NIV)

NOTE: You will lead the Worship Experience by guiding the students through folding a Paper Airplane. More details at the end of this Rundown.

"What's up Alley? So glad to see you all here today. You know, here's something I've noticed in life. Following the instructions of a leader can be difficult. But following the instructions of a leader when you can't see what will happen is impossibly hard!"

"When the coach tells you to run the bleachers, it's not easy, especially if you can't see the end goal of endurance. It feels more like torture. When your parents are constantly telling you to clean up your mess, it's not easy to do, especially if you can't see the end goal of being responsible for your stuff. It feels like they just want to make you miserable. When your music teacher tells you to learn your chords, it's not easy to do, especially if you can't see the end goal playing a song at the recital. It seems boring and a little lame."

"Trusting our leaders can be so difficult. Yes, we know we should listen to them, but there are times it's downright hard! Everybody understands the leader should know what's best for us, but this doesn't always make it easy to follow them!"

"Today, let's look at someone who would have understood this tension better than anyone. He was asked to do something crazy with no idea how it would turn out! The results were pretty cool. Let's check it out together."

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:30)

"Trusting God in uncertain times is not easy. When we are stepping on ground that is unknown, it feels like we've been abandoned. We don't always feel God's presence, and it can be easy to lean on our own understanding instead of what Abraham did . . . trusting God. Throughout Abraham's journey, God guided his path. Likewise, God can guide our path, especially during uncertain times. These could be moments when we are upset because our parents are getting separated or times when we strike out with the game on the line and we have to face our teammates. Maybe they're moments when we get a bad grade on a test and have to tell our parents."

"But here's the thing. When God promised Abraham that all the nations on earth would be blessed because of him, Abraham believed him. And you know what? God did something unbelievable through Abraham's family. Thousands of years later, one of Abraham's descendants, Joseph, would be the earthly father of Jesus. And all nations on earth were definitely blessed because of what Jesus did for us."

"God can be trusted because He is in control and has a BIG plan . . . bigger than we can even imagine. He uses leaders like our parents and small group leaders to help guide through this journey we call life."

"As we wrap up our time and head to small groups, take a moment to think about the leaders in your life. God has given you leaders who teach, coach, encourage, and lead you. Think about those leaders and ask yourself this question . . ."

CG: Key Question Slide

"What do you think your leaders know that you don't?" Good question, right? But when we start to realize that our leaders just might know something we can learn, it changes everything! You'll talk more about that in Small Group, but before you leave, let's pray and thank God for putting some amazing leaders in our life who care for us and help us through life."

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. Lead offering and Worship Experience, then dismiss kids to Small Group.

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

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)

Supplies Needed: Paper (1 sheet per student, per service), 3 Hula Hoops (per Campus), Alley Cash Bundle

NOTE: Students will follow your instructions on how to fold a Paper Airplane. You as the Leader get to determine the steps, and how the Paper Airplane is folded. Once completed, allow the students to attempt to fly their airplane into one of the hula hoops. Determine/Communicate which hoop is of which value. If they do land it in one of the hoops, award them accordingly with Alley Cash (\$1, \$3, \$5).

Dismiss to Small Groups