

# Alley Rundown - September 28-29, 2019

**Bible Story:** God's Plan (Joseph Forgives His Brothers) • *Genesis 42–45*

**Bottom Line:** You can trust God has a plan.

**Key Question:** When have you had to trust God?

**Memory Verse:** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...  
(Proverbs 3:5 NIV)

**Supplies Needed:** *Sorry Board Game (1 per Campus)*

"Hey, everyone! Can you believe we are wrapping up September today? It has been an awesome month, and today is certainly no exception. Question, how many of you have ever played this game?"

*Show everyone the Sorry!® board game. Kids respond.*

"I loved playing this game when I was a kid. Actually, I still do. You race around the board trying to get to your home base when all of the sudden . . ."

*Pull out a Sorry! card.*

"SORRY! And you send your opponent packing for home. It's great. But are you REALLY sorry? Not really. You're happy because now you have a better chance at winning."

"This is probably true in life, too. Maybe there are other times when we might say the *word* 'sorry' but don't really *feel* sorry. Like when our friends get upset about something we say and we say back to them [*in a funny and sarcastic voice*] 'I'm so SORRY you were offended by that.'"

"Am I really saying that I'm sorry? How do you know?" (*Pause for kids to respond.*)

"Exactly! I was more saying, 'I'm sorry that you're the kind of person that gets so easily offended that what I said bothered you.' In other words, I was basically saying it was the other person's fault! Not a real apology at all."

"I'm gonna be honest with you for a second. Getting along with others can be hard. We don't always treat each other with love and respect. And when that happens, we don't always know how to deal with it. On top of that, if we're the ones who are left with hurt feelings, we don't understand why any of this is happening. We start to wonder if we can trust our friends or family. We may even wonder if we can trust God. First of all, let me tell you, we've all been there. You're going to feel that way from time to time, but when you do, it's important to talk to the right people to help you though it. It's important to talk with God and ask God to help you find some answers."

"Of course a great place to find answers to big questions is the Bible. Throughout the pages of the Bible we can read about all sorts of people who dealt with relationships that were hard. We've been talking about one of those guys for most of this month. Remember his name? Right, Joseph!

We've gone from Joseph's days with his family in Canaan to his crazy experiences in Egypt. Sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned, forgotten and left alone—Joseph had sure been through a lot. But as you might remember from last week, God gave Joseph the ability to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams and warn him about a famine that would destroy the land. Because of this, Pharaoh made Joseph second in command in all of Egypt and put him in charge of preparing for the famine. Talk about a promotion!"

"Now, today's story has a lot of back and forth between the land of Canaan and the land of Egypt. Let's take a look at this week's episode to learn more!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 14:21)**

“In a way, Joseph told his brothers, you SOLD me, but God SENT me. In other words, you tried to harm me, but God was able to take what you intended for harm and turn it into a way to save. It’s pretty incredible when you think about it. God can use some of the worst times in our lives to do something amazing. It’s even true with Jesus. If you look at the way He suffered and then died, it would be hard to believe that anything good could come out of THAT. But His death WAS the plan. God used it to save us . . . just like he used the pain of Joseph to save his family.”

“At the time, it can be really hard to understand some of the bad things we are going through. That is okay. We won’t always get it. But the amazing thing about God is that He is able to take these bad times—moments that look so broken that they can’t be fixed—and to still do something positive with them. All He asks us to do is to trust Him, even when it’s really hard.”

“Today as you go to groups, I want you to think about this question—”

**CG: Key Question Slide**

**“When have you had to trust God?”** This could be something small or something major. God wants you to trust Him, no matter what is happening in your life. And maybe you’re going through one of those really hard times right now where you can’t imagine how anything good could come from something so bad. You don’t have to go through this alone; be sure to talk to someone about that. You’ll get a chance to talk through this question with your Small Group, but before you head out let’s pray and thank God for being so trustworthy no matter what is going on in our lives.

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, 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: MOHI 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 MOHI where *(campus child)* goes to school! 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: 3:00)**

**Supplies Needed: Note Cards, Pens, “Prayer Request” and “Praise Report” Bags**

**NOTE: This week, students will fill out prayer requests (“Please Jesus”) and praise reports (“Thank You Jesus”)**

*Dismiss to Small Groups*