

# Alley Reopening Celebration (WEEK 1) October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Today's Bible Story:** Say Anything (No Secrets with God) • 1 John 1:9

**Today's Key Question:** What do you talk to God about?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Being truthful with God keeps you close to Him.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9, NIV)

**Filler Videos:** *Dude Perfect Videos*

**CG:** *Countdown Video // Welcome Back Video (Runtime: 2:00)*

## **ICE-BREAKER GAME: Two Truths and Lie (Bible Edition)**

"Hey, everyone! So good to see you all today! Welcome back to The Alley at *(Your Campus Name)*! For some of you, this may be your first time here in The Alley, so welcome! Not sure about you, but I am excited to be here with you all today. Can you believe it has been 7 months since we've been all here in this room together? Crazy right? Well, let's not focus on that too much because I want us to get started with a game that will get everyone involved! And on top of that . . . you'll also get a chance to get to know some crazy stuff in the Bible a little better. Have you ever heard of the game Two Truths and a Lie? That's ok if not. Today we are going to play a game just like that, right where you are seated. All you have to do is decide which statement you think is a lie. Are you ready? Here we go!"

**SLIDES:** *Two Truths and a Lie Bible Edition*

**NOTE:** *You will be leading this game by keeping the energy high with the SLIDES. Encourage the kids to place their votes. Also vote yourself.*

*(After the game)* That was awesome, and that's no lie. Sorry, couldn't resist. Now, let's stand and worship our amazing God together!"

**CG:** *Worship Video ("King of Glory" // Led by Parkview Worship) (Runtime: 5:00)*

Great job Alley! I love worshipping with you guys. Quick question: Have you ever played hide and seek? Of course, I think everyone has played hide and seek when they were little. Don't worry, I'm not going to ask you all to play Hide and Seek today. You can relax. Funny thing about when you're little, you might think you're hiding, but actually pretty much everyone can see you."

"It was like you thought as long as you couldn't see other people, they must not be able to see you, right? Some of you maybe still are thinking that . . . just kidding! But this is so funny with kids. They think, if I can just cover MY eyes, then I am hiding and no one can see me. To help us understand this point, let's play a quick game of Pumpkin Peekaboo. On the screen you are going to see some animals trying to "hide" behind a pumpkin. Let's see if you know what each animal is. Shout it out when you know it!"

**SLIDES:** *Pumpkin Peekaboo Slides (1-20)*

***Provide commentary as the pictures are displayed.***

"Funny, right? But let's think about this for a moment. Have you ever had trouble hiding something? Maybe you bought a present for someone and you let it slip early? Or maybe you were excited about something and you couldn't hide your expression? Or maybe it was something more serious. Maybe you did something you shouldn't have and tried to hide it from a teacher. Or you got in trouble and tried to hide it from a parent. There are a lot of ways we end up trying to hide."

"How about God? Do we ever try to hide things from God? That's an interesting question, right? And as we're talking about the idea of integrity this month, it's definitely one we should answer. We might end up wanting to

answer a question like this too quickly. Like, of course I don't try to hide things from God. How can I? But then as you start to think about it, maybe we need to answer differently. Let's take a look at this week's episode and see what we can find that can give us some insight into this idea of keeping secrets from God."

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 15:00)**

"God knows what to do about the lies we tell. Check this verse out from First John. John, who was a close follower of Jesus, wrote these words later in his life."

*(Read 1 John 1:9 directly from the screen)* "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

"Did you catch that? That is great news. The fact is that there is nothing that we can hide from God. We can't do anything without God knowing about it. BUT . . . God is willing to forgive us for every single thing that we have done. Everything. But how can He do that? It is because Jesus took all of the weight of our sin on Himself. All of it. Every unkind work. Every hurtful action. Every careless thought. And He paid for it all. And what did John say? If we confess our sins, God is willing to forgive our sins. He will make us pure!"

"The reality is that we've all sinned and will sin. And another reality is that God knows it all. But the greatest reality of all is that God is able to forgive our sins because of Jesus. Not just able . . . willing! So, what does that mean? Well, the next time we find ourselves falling short and using hurtful words . . . we can ask for forgiveness from the person we offended, but we can also be honest with God. Why? Because He already knows about it. Remember, our backpack is see-through. And He is willing to forgive us and make us pure. When God sees us, instead of seeing our sin, God sees Jesus."

"Isn't it amazing that we can talk honestly to God? We don't need to hide anything from Him, but we can bring it all before Him. I think that is pretty amazing! Today as we get ready to apply what we're learning with some fun activities, think about this:

**SLIDE: Key Question Slide**

**"What do you talk to God about?** Consider the ways you talk to Him, especially about the things you have done wrong, and how that might change if you realize that God already sees it all. As we get ready to transition in to our activities, let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus and offering us forgiveness. Let's thank God that He loves us so much and we don't need to hide anything from Him. Let's pray."

**PRAYER:** "Dear God, Thank You for loving us so much! We know You want us to draw near to You. You sent Jesus so we had a way to be with You now and forever. God, because of Jesus, we know nothing can separate us from You, and yet sometimes we try to hide things from You. Sometimes we hide our mistakes, our embarrassing moments, or we simply hide the things we think aren't interesting. But God, You are interested in everything about us, and that is AMAZING to think about; the God of all creation desires to hear from each of us. God, we ask You to remind us to share our lives with You, all of our lives, and we ask You to guide our words and our actions to be truthful and to reflect Your integrity to others. We love You!! In Your name! Amen!"

**NOTE: At this time, transition into the All Together Activities, as detailed on the "All Together Activities" Sheet.**