

Alley Rundown—June 12-14, 2021

Today's Bible Story: You Say (God So Loved the World) • John 3:16 (*supporting: John 3:1-21*)

Today's Key Question: How does Jesus matter in your life?

Today's Bottom Line: You can be confident because God loves you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* Psalm 27:13 (NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

ICE BREAKER: Finish the Lyrics

“Hey, everyone! I am so pumped for another month here in The Alley. This month we are going to press play and pump the jams around here . . . and it all starts with a fun game that tests your lyrical knowledge. I need two volunteers!”

Choose two volunteers. If you want to rotate new volunteers in after each round, that is an option.

“Alright, our game today requires a combination of memory and musical talent. (*To volunteers*) Are you glad you volunteered? In a moment, you will hear a clip from a famous Disney song. When the music stops, be the first to sing the next line. Sing it out loud and proud. Pretty simple, right?”

If neither of the volunteers is able to get the line, you can a) make up some multiple choice options for them on the spot, or open it up to the audience for help.

“Here is our first lyric!”

AUDIO: “Love is an Open Door” (Start at 0:27 / Pause at 0:36)

Pause for answer.

“You think it’s [Insert Lyric]? Let’s find out!”

AUDIO: Continue “Love is an Open Door”

“Great job! Here is our next lyric . . .”

AUDIO: “Can You Feel the Love Tonight?” (Start at 1:17 / Pause at 1:35)

Pause for answer.

“You think it’s [Insert Lyric]? Let’s find out!”

AUDIO: Continue “Can You Feel the Love Tonight?”

“Nailed it! Here is another . . .”

AUDIO: “Part of Your World” (Start at 1:27 / Pause at 1:38)

Pause for answer.

“You think it’s [Insert Lyric]? Let’s find out!”

AUDIO: Continue “Part of Your World”

“Great job! Let’s try one more . . .”

AUDIO: “I See the Light” (Start at 0:39 / Pause at 0:53)

“You think it’s [Insert Lyric]? Let’s find out!”

AUDIO: Continue “I See the Light”

“That was amazing! And I promise, we can move on with our talk today! Let’s get started!”

“Hey, everybody! Great to see you. I’m so excited to begin another month together! Let’s get started today with some questions. Let’s see what you can come up with by talking about them together. This month, we are talking about confidence. When I say the word ‘confidence,’ what comes to mind? Turn and chat about that with your group. GO!”

Kids turn and talk. Listen in. After a time, share some of the answers.

“Now, let’s build on that idea. Who have you seen who is REALLY confident? How could you tell they were confident? Turn and chat about that with your group. GO!”

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“Okay, last question. Where do you think confidence comes from? What makes you think confidence comes from there? Turn and chat about that with your group. GO!”

Kids turn and talk. Listen in. After a time, share some of the answers.

“Those are some great answers!”

“I’m pretty sure we can think of someone who has confidence. Maybe it’s the way they carry themselves or how they walk. Maybe it’s how they dress or the way they talk. We might not always find the words to describe confidence, but we know it when we see it. But think about something for a second. Have you ever met somebody who by looking at them assumed they’d be really confident, but when you get to know them actually weren’t so confident at all? Me too. Which I guess begs the question: where does confidence really come from?”

“That’s a great question to consider, and it’s actually a question people have been wondering about for a long time. When we have a question like this, the best place to start is the Bible.

God prompted the writers of the Bible to write down their experiences with Him so other people could learn from them.”

“Today, we dive into the New Testament of our Bible, during the time of Jesus’ ministry, to the book of John. John was one of Jesus’ closest disciples and best friends. He wanted people to know more about who Jesus is, what He is like, and what it means to follow Him. He included a great conversation that will help us understand more about confidence. Let’s take a look at this week’s episode!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)

“You know, Nicodemus came to Jesus that night probably believing that he was right about a lot of things. And I’m guessing that conversation with Jesus turned his world upside down. But when we see how much God really loves us and that this is not because of what WE have done but rather what GOD has done, it should change everything for us.”

“We don’t know from *this* story in John’s Gospel what happened with Nicodemus after this conversation. But we do have a really good idea. You see, later on, when the Pharisees were all together discussing how to arrest Jesus, Nicodemus was the one who confidently spoke up and said that they should hear Jesus out before believing that He was guilty! He stuck up for Jesus. That’s pretty cool, right? And, after Jesus’ death on the cross, Nicodemus was there to help prepare Jesus’ body to be buried. He brought an expensive amount of spices and helped wrap Jesus and put Him in the tomb. This is really powerful. Nicodemus, who was told he could be born again by believing in Jesus, held the body of Jesus who died for him so that he could live forever.”

“And not just for Nicodemus, but for every single one of you, too.”

“Remember . . .”

“Because God loved us, God gave us Jesus, and Whoever believes in Him lives forever!”

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

SLIDE: Key Question

“How does Jesus matter in your life? In other words, how does truly seeing Jesus for who He really is give you confidence to live each day to the fullest? How does it help you deal with the struggles? The successes? If you’re not quite sure how to answer that question, don’t worry. You’ll have a chance to chat about that with your Small Group. Before you head out to your groups, let’s talk to God and thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Let’s pray.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, dismiss kids to Small Group.