

Alley Rundown—May 22nd-24th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Whatcha Say (Peter Says that Jesus is the Messiah) • *Matthew 16:13-20*

Today's Key Question: Who can you talk to about God?

Today's Bottom Line: Practice talking about God.

Monthly Memory Verse: *For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

Connect Time: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World"
Begin this Activity 5-10 Minutes before your Start Time

"Welcome, everyone! If you're itching for a fantastic time with good friends, great music, and some high-energy fun, you're in the right place! It's The Alley!"

"Of course, since this is The Alley, we don't do things very typically around here. I thought it might be fun to play a game: Mad Gab. You know, the one where you pick a card with a phrase looks like gibberish, but the more you say it, the more it sounds like something normal? Here, I'll show you what I mean."

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 1

"Go ahead and read it! Keep reading it until you think that you've got it!"

Allow kids to try and figure it out and then call on someone who thinks they have it. The answer is "Sit Back and Enjoy It."

"Sit back and enjoy it! That's it! Ok, let's start playing Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World!"

SLIDE: "Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World"

"Let's go!"

Play the game using the slides provided. You can even split kids into teams to try to compete to shout out the answer.

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 2

Answer: A thermometer

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 3

Answer: Alfredo Sauce

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 4

Answer: I have to throw up

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 5

Answer: A practical joke

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 6

Answer: Ride out the storm

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 7

Answer: Chicken nuggets

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 8

Answer: No shoes, no shirt, no service

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 9

Answer: My tooth is throbbing

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 10

Answer: Have a nice day

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 11

Answer: Deuteronomy

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 12

Answer: The Lord will guide you always

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 13

Answer: Go fly a kite

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 14

Answer: Four score and twenty years ago

SLIDE: Around the Mad, Mad, Mad Gab World 15

Answer: Don't drink and drive

"Fantastic job, everyone! Boy, some of those were hard, weren't they? Let's get started with our talk today!"

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Superhero Cards and Large Posters

CG: Superhero Images FRONT and BACK

Hey Parkview Kids! All this Month, we are celebrating some of our Missions Partners here at Parkview that show their commitment and love for Jesus by sharing the Good News of Jesus all over the world. Let's meet our Superheroes we'll feature today!

(Read the Cards BACK and let the Kids know that they will be getting their Superhero Cards today)

At the end of our talk today, we'll also have a Superhero Race! Stay tuned!

"We're four weeks into May if you can believe it, and if you've noticed, we've been building on one key point this whole time—we're training to win the prize. Not in a running race, but in this

race called life.

“We’ve looked at practicing our faith, we’ve practiced hearing from God, we practiced praying to God, and now we’ve come to the week where we talk about . . . well, talking. Now, as I look around this room, I’m guessing that we’ve got some talkers in here. Has anyone ever gotten in trouble at school for talking too much? (*Pause for response.*) Yep. Could’ve guessed whose hands were going to go up on that one.

“Sometimes when you have something to say, it helps to know not only *what* to say, but also *when to say it*. For example, asking your mom if you can have another piece of string cheese when she’s trying to wash the mud off the dog that has barreled back into the house after digging up the garden? Probably not the best timing.

“You might’ve also learned the fine art of ‘I’ll ask mom if I can play video games first, and when she says “go ask your dad,” I’ll just tell him that mom said “she didn’t care if I play,” and then he’ll say HE doesn’t care, and then I’ll get to play Among Us for another hour,’ right?

“Maybe you’re Facetiming your friends, and it’s getting late, and you know if you make any noise then your parents will remember that you have to take a shower and get ready for bed because there’s school tomorrow, so you make sure not to say *anything* too loud.

“Any of these ringing a bell? So, here’s what I’d like to try. Find someone near you and tell them about a time you either a) got in trouble for talking too much, or b) completely said the wrong thing at completely the wrong time. Ready? Go!

*Allow a few minutes for kids to talk to one another.
Then get everyone’s attention.*

“That’s my favorite noise, by the way—the buzz of young people talking excitedly about stuff. It’s so fun to listen to! For those of you who got in trouble for talking too much, let me hear from you. Was it worth it? Was what you had to say worth getting in trouble?”

Take a few responses and discuss with follow-up questions.

“For those who said the wrong thing at the wrong time, what was the situation? Did it hurt someone’s feelings? What happened?”

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“Here’s the thing. *Words matter*. What you say matters. What you stand up for, vocally, matters. And what you say about God matters, too.”

“Speaking of God, what would you say if someone asked you what your relationship with God is like? Would you even know how to talk about God, like in a knowledgeable way that wouldn’t be, like, ‘super Christian’ and weird? We Christians are a peculiar bunch to begin with, so how in the world do we bring Jesus to others without turning them off, or worse, making them feel like an outsider? Or even worse than that, making us feel embarrassed or stupid?

“These are hard questions, for sure. What we say matters. To dig more deeply into this, let’s

take a look at what one of Jesus' closest friends and followers said in the Bible with the help of this week's episode. Take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 14:00)

"Peter, out of all of the disciples, spoke up. He said what he knew to be true, that Jesus is, in fact, the Son of God. When the time was right, he would share that fact with everyone he knew."

"We got a bit silly with Mad Libs, and there's a point as to why I picked that particular game. The question I have for you is this: when asked, how will *you* fill in the blank? When someone asks you to talk about God or your relationship with Jesus, how will you respond?"

"Look, I get it—talking about God, about Jesus, and about spiritual things can feel weird, maybe even a bit embarrassing, especially if you're around friends who don't believe the same things as you. And I get that. Anytime we do something or say something that sets us apart from others can draw attention that we'd rather not get. But talking about what God is doing in your life can be really helpful and encouraging for others to hear.

"Jesus showed us something when He got away from the crowds to talk with His friends. He probably knew that they had questions. He probably knew that they needed to talk about some of these things. Getting them away from others and sitting and talking with them, we just might be able to follow the same example. And talking with others about these kinds of things can help you make some pretty wise choices."

"As you head to your Small Groups, ponder this:

SLIDE: Key Question

"Who can you talk to about God? Who in your life needs to hear about what God is doing in your life? Who can you bounce off ideas you have about how to practice your faith? Who can help you answer the questions you have about God? Hopefully you have someone in your life you can talk to, and you can always chat with your Small Group Leader! I'm sure they'd love to chat with you about your relationship with God. Before we head to your Small Group, let's pray and thank God for the amazing people in our life who we can talk to about Him."

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead Superhero Race Offering Video, announce Summerpalooza and dismiss kids to Small Group.

It's time for Week 4 of our Superhero Races. This week's race pits Tom from England vs. Lauren from The Middle East! Who do you think will win? Let's find out!

CG: Superhero Race 4

NOTE: Be sure to hand out this week's trading cards to your kids at a time that seems appropriate to you.

CG: Summer Palooza SLIDE

One FINAL Announcement Alley! Coming up real soon is an exciting event we're pumped to bring back....Summerpalooza! There will be games, prizes, competitions, and more! Be sure to invite your friends! June 2nd Weekend!

Dismiss to Small Groups