

## Alley Rundown—May 29th-31st, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Gotta Live (Widow's Mite) • *Mark 12:41-44*

**Today's Key Question:** How can you live for God?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Practice living for 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*

**Need 5th Grader Level-Up Gifts**

**CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos**

**Connect Time: Ultimate Coin Toss**

**Begin this Activity 5-10 Minutes before your Start Time**

**Supplies Needed: Coins (1 per kid), Bullseye Target (1 per Campus) and White Board with Marker (1 per Campus)**

“What’s up Friends?!?! Believe it or not, we’ve reached the end of May! What a journey! Ups and downs, high times and serious points, a rollercoaster of a month, for sure.”

“Speaking of roller coasters, has anyone ever been to a carnival? I know we haven’t had those lately, but pre-Covid, remember those midway games that are totally rigged against you, the haunted mirror maze that’s built out of a trailer, and there are rides with names like ‘Whip-a-Whirl’ and ‘The Zipper’?”

“Yeah, those were *awesome*. My mom used to drop us kids off and we’d run around those carnivals for hours, racking up tickets from skee-ball, eating double-fried food, and riding rides until we puked. It was the best!

“I thought I’d bring some of that Carnie love to The Alley today for y’all! One of the rigged games that you wasted your money on was the Coin Toss and we’ve got our own version of it today, called, “Ultimate Coin Toss!”

**SLIDE: “Ultimate Coin Toss”**

“I know, I know. Super creative title! Anyway, here’s how the game works: it’s every kid for themselves. Don’t even look at the other kids—they’re now the *enemy*. Each kid will get a coin.”

“You’ll pick your spot surrounding the bullseye in the center of the room and toss, roll, flip, chuck, wing, or otherwise launch your coins to try to land them on the bullseye! After everyone has gone, the closest coin to the bullseye wins. Let’s hand out the coins and pick your spots!

*Have everyone toss one coin at a time, then after the count, retrieve the coins and hand them back out to the teams. Play the game three times, then have everyone head back to their seats.*

“Great job! Let’s get started with our talk today!”

## **SUPPLIES NEEDED: Superhero Cards**

### **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!

### **CG: Summer Palooza SLIDE**

One FINAL Announcement Alley! Coming up next weekend 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!!!

"Ok Alley! I can't wait to get into this teaching because I have a feeling it's going to make a huge difference in your lives. It puts a finger on something that kids your age—well, actually people of *all* ages—might struggle with: giving."

"Now, I'm not saying that you guys are all totally selfish, not at all. But sometimes it's hard to offer something up without getting something else in return, right? Sometimes it's hard to serve someone else without expecting anything back. And sometimes it's hard to live for a God when there's no immediate response."

"God is the most important thing in my life. But if I'm honest, God's not always at the top of my priority list. I forget. I get busy. I get distracted. Maybe some of you do, too. But through everything, I really try to make my life, my decisions, my thoughts, and my actions pleasing in His sight."

"Often, we let God know with the way we worship. So think about that for a second. When we think about 'worship,' we might only think about the songs that we sing at church. Is worship more than that, though? Is it more than just singing? Are there multiple ways to worship God? Is there a right way and a wrong way? Do some people's worship, like super holy people like pastors and Small Group Leaders, get to God faster? Does God like certain types of worship more than others?"

"Great questions. They really make you think! Let's see what the writers of the Bible have in store for us today when it comes to this idea of worship. Today we head to the book of Mark, written by a Jesus follower named . . . you guessed it, Mark!

Let's head to Mark 12:41-44 where he records a moment that happened between Jesus, Jesus' disciples, and people giving their offerings at the temple. That's what this week's episode is all about. Let's take a look!"

### **CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)**

“The rich men, like the religious leaders, were concerned with what things looked like on the outside. But the poor widow who had almost nothing chose to give everything. Jesus saw her heart and knew that her pennies were worth far more than the rich mens’ gold.”

“Now, you might be wondering something. Weren’t we talking about worship before this story? What does worship have to do with this story of the widow? She didn’t even sing any songs.”

“You might already know this, but worship is way more than singing a song. You can actually worship God with your actions, your words, your whole life.”

“So how exactly does that apply to you? We know God is pleased when we do things, both with our words and actions, that show how much we love Him and love others—and really, Jesus gave us the best example of what that looks like. He lived His whole life doing things that pleased God.”

“For us, I think we struggle when there isn’t immediate feedback. You know, some kind of reward. The art of service, random acts of kindness, doing things for others for no reason—it’s kind of a lost art. But if you get this, *really* get it, you’ll be changing not only your own lives but the lives of those around you.

“Before you do something, anything really, stop and ask yourself if it will honor God. It only takes a moment, but it could potentially help you make a wise choice, not to mention stopping you from doing something not so smart!”

“As we close our talk today, think about this question:”

**SLIDE: Key Question**

“**How can you live for God?** Big actions, small actions, with words or deeds, what can you do? Don’t worry if you’re struggling to come up with ideas; you’ll talk more about this with your Small Groups. Before you head out, let’s pray and see if God can drop some ideas in your heads!”

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead final Superhero Race Offering Video, 5th Graders Recognition, and then dismiss kids to Small Group.*

**It’s time for the FINAL Week of our Superhero Races. This week’s race is a TRIPLE THREAT and it pits Dermot from Ireland vs. Mary from Kenya and Kyle from China! Who do you think will win? Let’s find out!**

**CG: Superhero Race 5**

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

**CG: 5th Graders Gift Video**

**SAY THIS AFTER THE VIDEO:**

*We are so excited for our 5th Graders here in the Alley to “Level Up” to JHM, or Junior High Ministry, here at Parkview. We have loved having you here in the Alley, will miss you tremendously, but we believe God is just getting started on your faith story. He has great plans for your life. I can’t wait to see/hear all about how you continue to grow in your walk with Jesus! We love you guys!*

*(Give 5th graders the gift of their choice, then dismiss to Small Groups)*