

## Alley Rundown—July 17th-19th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Stand and Deliver (Armor of God) • Ephesians 6:10-17

**Today's Key Question:** When is it hard to stand strong?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Use what God has given you to stand strong.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

### CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

“Hey, everyone! Glad to see you here today. Let's play a game to kick things off today. Let's how well do you know your sporting equipment? Let's test your knowledge. If you know what it is for, stand up!”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 1: Punting tee (Football)

“Alright, what sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* That's right—football! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 2: Carabiner (Rock climbing)

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Rock climbing! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 3: Discus

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Track and field—that's a discus! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 4: Polo mallet

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Polo—that's a mallet! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 5: Soccer Cleats

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Soccer! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 6: Cricket Paddle

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Cricket—that's like their baseball bat! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 7: Golf tee

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Golf—that's the tee for setting the ball up! Next . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 8: Batting helmet

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Baseball! And one more . . .”

### SLIDE: Story Intro Slide 9: Field hockey stick

“What sport or activity uses this? *(Pause for responses)* Field hockey!”

“Nice job, everyone! Could you imagine showing up to a baseball game with cricket bat? Or trying to rock climb with a field hockey stick? Yeah, not a good idea. When it comes to sports, you prepare for the game you're about to play. Otherwise, you won't have success, right?”

“It’s one thing to think about preparing to participate in a sport or even a dance or anything to do with the arts. We prepare for all sorts of things because we want to do them well. But let me ask you something, can a person get ‘prepared’ for their faith and relationship with God? In other words, is there a chance we might show up with the wrong equipment and not succeed?”

“Those might be questions you’ve never thought about before, but when you decide to put your faith in Jesus and trust Him with your whole life, it’s a question that’s worth asking. Thankfully, we can find answers for these sorts of questions in the Bible. Let’s head there now with the help of this week’s episode.”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 14:00)**

“In the same way that you wouldn’t get behind the plate to catch a fastball without the proper equipment or take on flying hockey pucks in a goal without the proper pads, Paul made sure we know to be ‘equipped’ for the battles we are going to face in life. We will face trouble in this world at times. There is an Enemy that we can’t see. Some of you know what it is like to struggle with real doubt or loneliness. To have negative thoughts about yourself or others. To struggle to know what is true and what can be trusted. God’s armor—truth, godliness, peace, faith, salvation, and God’s Word—will help us prepare ourselves for these moments when we are left vulnerable and exposed to these lies.”

“Today as you go to groups, I want you to talk about this question:

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**“When is it hard to stand strong?** In other words, what are some of the doubts or lies that you are most tempted to believe? When you think about the pieces of armor that were discussed, which one stuck out to you the most? Let’s be honest, this is big stuff. You may have lots of questions. That’s why I’m so thankful you get to talk more about this with your Small Group. As we head out, let’s pray and thank God for providing a way for us to have confidence and stand strong because of Jesus.”

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

**OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri

New Lenox: Daniel

Homer Glen: Victor