

## Alley Rundown—July 3rd-5th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Just Like Fire (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) • Daniel 3

**Today's Key Question:** When are some times you need to trust God?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Trust that God is always with you.

**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, everybody! Great to see you. I’m so excited to begin another month together! Last month, we had so much fun learning about how our faith in God can give us confidence, and I can’t wait to keep building on what we learned.”

“Looks like you had a lot of fun working together to come up with song lyrics. Think about it, though—that game might be a whole lot harder without others around you, right? Speaking of which, have you ever had a time when you truly felt out there on your own in doing the right thing? Like it felt like you were trying to make a right decision, but you couldn’t really find anyone else around you who was doing the same?”

*Tell a personal story of a time you were doing the right thing and it felt like you were the only one. The goal is not to make yourself sound better than everyone else but rather to show that it can sometimes feel lonely to do the right thing. Ideas to get you started:*

- *A time when you had a substitute teacher and your class was trying to trick them.*
- *A time when you saw someone getting picked on and you stood up for them.*
- *A time when your friends wanted to do something you knew wasn't wise. You asked them to make a different choice.*

“It’s true. When you choose to put your faith in God and decide to make wise choices with your life, chances are that you’ll face times when you feel like you’re the only one trying to do what’s best.”

“When that happens, you might start to second guess yourself and the wise choices you’re trying to make. You might even wonder, ‘If everyone else is doing it, maybe it’s not so bad.’ Some of you might even find yourself in a situation like that this week or this summer. And when that happens, when you feel like giving up and just going along with your friends because it seems easier than sticking up for what’s best, what should you do? How do you respond?”

“That’s a great question—one that all of us in this room have or will need to consider at some point. As we dig into the Bible, we actually find stories of people who wrestled with that question, too. Let’s head to one of those moments today and find out what they did.”

### CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:30)

“Some of you might be wondering, couldn't they have just pretended to bow to the statue and avoided this whole mess in the first place? That's a good thought, but think about it—if they had done that, if they had just bowed a knee but inside they were saying, 'God, I'm not really bowing to the statue, okay?!' You know what would have happened? Probably nothing. But you know what wouldn't have happened? King Neb and the others who were there that day wouldn't have had the opportunity to see God show up in a powerful way and, in the end, give God honor and praise.”

“All of this was because Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego believed that God was with them, even in a foreign land, even in the midst of their difficult circumstances. And God showed up, even in the fire.”

“Think about my story from earlier. Maybe you'll find yourself in a moment like that. Maybe you'll be hanging out with your friends and they'll start doing something that you know is out of bounds. What will you do? Well, you'll have to make that decision for yourself. But if you choose to stand up, God can give you the confidence that you need. You can trust that God will be with you in that moment.”

“You know another thing that helps in those moments? Having friends who also make the wise choice. Think about Shadrach. I imagine that finding the confidence to stand up for what was right was easier because he had Meshach and Abednego standing there with him. Surround yourself with people who help you trust God and make wise choices.”

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

**SLIDE: Key Question Slide**

“**When are some times you need to trust God?** In other words, when have you found yourself needing to trust God with confidence? When do you need to remember that God is with you and that you can trust Him? You'll have a chance to chat with your Small Group all about that. They can be the friends you need to encourage you stand up, have confidence, and trust God. Let's pray and ask God to give us the friends and the confidence we need.”

*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