

## Alley Rundown—September 25th-27th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** I Just Want to Celebrate (The Wall is Rebuilt) • *Nehemiah 3–4, 6:15-16, 8:1-17*

**Today's Key Question:** What is God doing in your life that you can celebrate?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Look for ways to celebrate what God has done.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." (Colossians 3:23a NIV)

### CG: *Dude Perfect Filler Videos*

"Hello, everyone! Glad to be back here with you, and we are closing out the month of September with Nehemiah finishing the wall! If I were him, I'd be pretty happy with myself."

"Is there anything you've done that makes you 'happy with yourself'? Maybe some accomplishment of yours? Okay, I see some hands out there."

"Sure, maybe we all have stories to share about times we got the right answer, scored the big goal, or sang our hearts out for a standing ovation."

"But think about something for a moment. Were those things *all* you or were there other people who helped you with it? There's a good chance you had someone who helped you understand how to arrive at the answer, a teammate who passed you the ball, or a music teacher who taught you how to sing. Most of our personal accomplishments can be tied to the help of others, so why do we take most or all of the credit?"

"I'll cut right to the chase. Sometimes we're humble-braggers, aren't we? Have you heard that term before? It's pretending to be super humble about something, but the humility is really just hidden in a total brag. Maybe you've heard something like that from influencers on YouTube, people who think they're super important."

"They'll use words that both make them seem humble while bragging about what they have or something they get to do. Like, 'I'm so blessed and humbled to be able to get my first ever Lamborghini because of YOUR support.' Riiiiight . . ."

"Maybe you've heard of the phrase 'Give credit where credit is due.' In most of the humblebrag situations, the goal is to give credit to yourself while making it sound like the credit goes to someone else. But think about this. Do we ever humblebrag on God?"

"'I'm so blessed to be able to be the captain of this team.' or 'I'm so thankful I'm so smart and don't have to study to get really great grades.' Sure, they might sound like giving God credit, but the goal is really to make yourself look good."

"Why do you think we do that? What can we do about it? How can remember to give God the credit when something great happens to us? Great questions!"

"Remember where we turn first, when we have big questions? That's right, the Bible. We get to read about all sorts of people who learned from their encounters with God, who inspired them to write them down so we could learn from them all of these years later."

"All month, we've focused on one man and his story, Nehemiah. Let's pick up his story where we left off last week! Take a look!"

### CG: *Lesson Video (Runtime: 15:00)*

“The people were happy, filled with joy. They got their lives back where they needed to be, and that was in direct connection with God. They had strayed from that path, but through building the wall, hearing God’s Word, and giving God praise, they found joy once again.”

“There’s a lesson here, guys, and it’s a straightforward one. Take time to remind yourself what God has done for you . . . not just on days like Christmas/Easter but every day. Be grateful. Be thoughtful. Be kind. God is always there to help us. God is always working through us to make things right in the world around us.”

“God answers our prayers, helps us figure out what’s right and what’s wrong, and gives us courage when we have to own up and apologize. God is with us every step of the way.”

“Look back at the Story of the Bible and see what God has done in the past. The biggest thing? God loves you so much that He sent Jesus for you! If you sat a moment and thought about it, you can come up with all kinds of times when God was there. God has good plans for us, kids. We can trust God no matter what.”

“Think about this question as you head to your Small Groups:

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**“What is God doing in your life that you can celebrate?** What things can you point to and say, ‘That’s totally God!’? If you’re having trouble thinking of something, don’t worry. You’ll have a chance to talk more about it with your Small Group. I have a feeling they’ll be able to help you see the moments in your life where God has played a part. Before we explore that, let’s pray and thank God for being the best part of our lives.”

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering then 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