

# Alley Rundown—October 17th-18th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Hey, Sew Sister (Lydia) • Acts 16:13-15

**Today's Key Question:** What are you good at?

**Today's Bottom Line:** Use your gifts to help others.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14 NIV)

**CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos**

## ICE-BREAKER: Rock, Paper, Scissors

"Hey, friends! Glad to see you all here today. To kick us off, let's all play a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. But wait...you're not playing against me, or against each other. You're playing against the Screen!!! Everyone stand up, face the Screen, and hold up your choice (Rock, Paper, or Scissors)! Here we go!"

**SLIDE: Rock, Paper, Scissors**

**CG: Rock Paper Scissors Video**

**NOTE: Kids will hold up Rock, Paper, or Scissors before each Round. Run the Video. It will spin through the 3 options (Rock, Paper or Scissors). **Pause the video at Random.** Whatever it lands on, that option is eliminated and the Kids who chose it sit down. Play a few rounds as time and interest allows.**

### After the Game...

Great job everyone, and thanks for playing. Ok, so to get started with our talk today, I brought a few pictures with me. Can you help me brainstorm a little? Sweet. Here's the first one."

**SLIDE: Professionals 1: Firefighter**

"So, obviously this is a firefighter. Anyone know a firefighter in real life? (Pause for response.) That's awesome! Now, what skills do you need to be a firefighter? What are some of the characteristics you would hope a firefighter has?"

*Kids answer. Answers might include courage, know how to operate all of the equipment, know live-saving procedures, etc.*

*Do the same for the following images, asking, "What skills/characteristics would be important for these jobs?"*

**SLIDE: Professionals 2: Nurse**

**SLIDE: Professionals 3: Carpenter**

**SLIDE: Professionals 4: Athlete**

**SLIDE: Professionals 5: Computer Programmer**

"That's great. I don't have a photo for this next one, but I still need your help with the same sort of question: What skills do you need to be a follower of Jesus? Are there things you have to be able to do or things you need to know in order to be a Christian? Ok, this might sound like a trick question, but think about it. We might think we need to act a certain way or know certain things before we can start following Jesus. But is that true?"

Are there skills we need to master before you're able to start following Jesus? Well, let's not even try to answer that question on our own. Let's head right to the first place we should look when we have a question about following Jesus: The Bible."

"Today, we head to the book of Acts, which is in the New Testament of our Bible. The first four books of the New Testament, or Gospels, tell the stories of how Jesus came and called disciples to follow Him—like what we learned about last week when Jesus called Matthew to follow Him. Well, the book of Acts tells us what happened with these followers after Jesus went back to be with God. Jesus left His followers with a mission. He gave them the incredible task of carrying His message to the ends of the earth. Everybody would know about Jesus because of Jesus' followers!"

"One of those followers was a man named Paul. Paul accepted the incredible task of carrying the message of Jesus all over the Roman Empire. And when I say all over, I mean all over! Check out this map showing some of Paul's travels!"

**SLIDE: Paul's Missionary Journey Map**

"On his second major journey, Paul was traveling with friends and fellow followers of Jesus named Timothy, Silas, and Luke. Luke was actually the guy who recorded all of this in the book of Acts!"

"One night, Paul had a vision telling him he should go to a region called Macedonia (*Point on map*). Believing this vision was from God, Paul left the next day for Macedonia. There, he met someone who was ready to use her gifts for God! Let's take a look at what happened with the help of this week's Episode!"

*CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:00)*

"You know, at the beginning we shared some very specific skills that some professionals have. And many of you have some of those skills or others. And that's great! But the fact is, what we saw in Lydia was her ability to take what she already had and use it to love God and serve others. Sometimes you just have to be creative!"

"You don't need a specific set of skills to follow Jesus; you can put your faith in Jesus just the way you are. But here's what's so amazing. When you do believe in Jesus, God can use your unique skills and situations to help others know Jesus and show them God's love."

"Think about some of the ways that God has uniquely made you and the talents you already have. What would it look like to use those to love God and serve others? Maybe you like to experiment with baking. Could you bake to raise money for a mission trip or to help out a struggling family? Or maybe you love sports. Could you help teach a sports camp for kids in your neighborhood who aren't able to afford one? What about those of you who are great at a subject at school? Could you help serve others by tutoring someone who is struggling in class? There are so many ways we can use what we have to make a difference."

"As you head to groups today, think about this:"

**SLIDE: Key Question**

**"What are you good at?** Think about how God created you. Think about your skills and talents. Think about what you just enjoy doing. Then consider how can you use what you have RIGHT NOW to make a difference. How can you love God and serve others through the gifts God has given you? If you're not quite sure, that's totally fine, too. We're still growing and figuring out how God has wired us. You can also talk to people like a family member, a teacher, or your Small Group Leader to help you discover some of this, too! Speaking of Small Group, before we head out, let's pray and thank God for creating us so uniquely to help those around us. Let's pray."

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, take 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