

Alley Rundown—October 24th-25th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Right Now (Timothy) • 1 Timothy 4:12 (supporting: Acts 14–17; 1 Timothy 4:14, 1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10)

Today's Key Question: How can you make a difference right now?

Today's Bottom Line: You can make a difference right now.

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 ACTIVITY: Reverse Charades Fall Edition

SLIDES: Reverse Charades Fall Edition

DIVIDE INTO TEAMS: Split your group into two to four teams, depending on the size of your group. Tell each team to choose one person to guess on behalf of the team.

SHOW AND GUESS: Show the crowd the first clue and encourage them to act out the clue for the person designated to guess. The crowd can only act — they are not allowed to speak or make noises.

GUESS IT!: The first guesser to correctly guess the clue earns their team a point. Tell each team to switch guessers and play another round. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins!

After the Game...

“Great job everyone! That was just a fun way to get excited about Fall. For some of you, Fall is your favorite Season. You get to do so many cool things during the Fall, that you don't get to do any other time of year. That makes me think about a question I have for you. So here's the question: Have any of you ever been told you are too little or too young to do something?”

Pause for responses.

“Maybe it was here . . .”

SLIDE: Intro 1: Carnival ride sign

“You're too small to ride the ride. Or maybe it was here . . .”

SLIDE: Intro 2: House

“You're too young to stay home by yourself. Or here . . .”

SLIDE: Intro 3: Cell phone

“You're too young to have your own cell phone. Or here . . .”

SLIDE: Intro 4: Kid's table at Thanksgiving

“You're too young to sit at the grownup table at Thanksgiving. Or here . . .”

Slide: Intro 5: Car

“You’re too young to drive a car.”

“Unfortunately, you’ll face some times in life when you might be reminded that you are too small or too young to do something you’d really like to do right now.”

“I mean, sure, you might be able to ride the bumper cars, but you really want to ride the upside-down monster coaster. You still get to eat Thanksgiving dinner, but you’d like to feel like one of the grown-ups and listen in on their conversations. Maybe you end up at the point where you start thinking, ‘Can I do ANYTHING important, can I make a difference, or do I matter right now while I’m young?’ First of all, don’t feel bad about feeling that way. Wondering about these things is part of growing up. But if you have found yourself asking these sorts of questions, I’m glad you’re here. We love questions around here, especially the hard ones that don’t have simple answers. When we have questions like this, we usually start looking for answers in the Bible. We start there because the Bible was written by all sorts of people who had encounters with God and Jesus. God inspired them to write about them, so we could learn more about God and more about ourselves. Let’s head there now!”

“Last week we talked about a guy named Paul who traveled throughout the Roman world to spread the message of Jesus.”

SLIDE: Paul’s Missionary Journey

“We saw him go to the city of Philippi in Macedonia. I have a question for you—does anyone remember WHO was with Paul on that journey?”

Pause for responses.

“That was a tough question. He was actually with a few people. Paul was with Luke, who actually wrote the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. Paul was also with Silas, who was with him in prison, too. And there was one other person who was with him. Who was it . . . (*pretend to be thinking.*) Oh! That’s right! That would be Timothy. He is who we will focus on today, with the help of this week’s Episode. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:30)

“You see, for Timothy, he seems to have struggled a bit. He struggled to ignore the voices telling him that he was TOO young. That he wasn’t ready yet. That he should leave the important stuff to those who were older and better prepared. But Paul told Timothy—YOU’RE READY! You can make a difference now! Make a difference in what you say and how you live. Make a difference in the way you love and what you believe. Show everyone what it means to live the right way . . . not sometime in the future . . . but right NOW.”

“I’m guessing that is a challenge for many of you as well. Maybe somebody has even told you that you’re too young to make a difference. But think about all of the ways Paul told Timothy he could make a difference. He could set an example with how he used his words.”

“You know, I bet if you thought about it, you could set an example for people in your life. You could set a good example to others with how to use words to build up rather than tear down. This isn’t a kid’s table situation. You don’t have to wait until later. You can do this right now!”

“Paul also told Timothy to set an example in how he lived. Do you have some people in your life who could use an example of what it means to live life the right way? With how you make wise choices in your life, you can help others see to make the wise choice in theirs. You can trust God no matter what and show others what it looks like to follow Jesus.

This isn't like waiting to drive a car when you're a teenager; you can do this right now!"

"Finally, Paul told Timothy to set an example in how he loved. Do you have some people in your life who can use an example of what it looks like to love other people even when they are hard to love? How you treat others at school, on your sports teams, or even here at church can set an example of what it looks like to love as Jesus loved us. Again, you don't have to wait until later like waiting until you're old enough to have your own cell phone. You can do this . . . right now!"

"Today as you go to Small Group, think about this:"

SLIDE: Key Question

"How can you make a difference right now?" Think about how God has wired you. Timothy was a great teacher and leader, but you probably have different skills. Think about those then ask yourself about how you can use those skills and your personality to set an example for others in your family, in your neighborhood, or in your school. How can you make a difference right now? And if you're not quite sure yet, that's ok, too. You'll have a chance to talk more about this with your group. Before you head out, though, let's pray and thank God for creating us and giving a chance *right now* to make a difference. Let's pray."

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