

Alley Rundown—February 6th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Reasons Why (Jesus' Mission Statement) • *Luke 4:14-24, 28-30*

Today's Key Question: What's your purpose in life?

Today's Bottom Line: Following Jesus means caring about others.

Monthly Memory Verse: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

CG: SuperStart! Video Promo and Slide

"SuperStart! is coming up very soon and you won't want to miss this yearly event. It's an overnight event just for you in Bloomington, IL, where you'll get to play games, eat pizza, make new friends, and hear an awesome message about how much Jesus loves you. Sign up today!"

"Hey, everybody! Great to see you. I'm so excited to begin another month together. All throughout this month, we are going to learn about compassion and purpose. Let me ask you, what is the purpose of these items?"

SLIDES: Hammer, Watch, Car, Plane, Football Helmet, Bible, Apple, Pencil, Stapler, Pots and Pans (Go through each item and ask kids what the purpose of each item is)

"The places where we live and go to school are filled with all sorts of objects that seem to have purpose. From the staple that keeps loose pages together to the pots and pans that keep our food warm. Most, if not all, of the items we can imagine have some sort of purpose.

"It's one thing to think about objects we have. It's another to think about people, specifically ourselves. Think about it for a moment. Have you ever thought about your own purpose? What you might want to do in the future? Maybe what you want to do right now? How can we discover what we're supposed to do with our lives?"

"That is a question people have been asking for thousands of years. It's a question that doesn't always have a clear answer, but we can discover something about our purpose as we read the Bible and discover what God has in mind for us through Jesus. Let's head there now.

"We find the story of Jesus throughout the Gospels, the first four books of the New Testament. Today, we head the book of Luke and find Jesus back in His hometown."

"Now, before we get into the story, here's a little background that can help us better understand what was happening here. First, the synagogue. Synagogues were meeting places for Jewish people. You would find them in every town or village that was big enough to have one. People would go to synagogue to worship together and to pray together. The synagogue was also a place of education, as kids would go to school there to learn the Bible. Others would go there to hear from rabbis. Synagogues were also social places—people would gather there and celebrate feasts and festivals.

"When it came to life in the synagogue, one of the busiest times of the week was the Sabbath, from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. The Sabbath service would often bring the whole village out, so the place would be packed. Check out this diagram of what synagogues looked like back in the first century.

SLIDE: Synagogue diagram

"One day, Jesus stood up to read from a scroll in the Synagogue. This day was very important because it revealed His purpose for coming to the Earth. That's what this week's Episode is all about. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“Jesus was willing to show compassion to those whom others would rather overlook or exclude. His purpose was to bring the good news to everyone, which He ultimately fulfilled by giving His life for everybody and then raising again to new life—a new life that is available to everyone.

“As followers of Jesus, we should be becoming more and more like the One we follow. So if we read about Jesus showing compassion to others, what does that mean for us? We should be showing compassion for others! And, if Jesus showed compassion for the ones that were often overlooked, what does that mean for us? Yeah! We should have compassion to them, too!

“Think about it. Who are the overlooked at your school? On your team? In your neighborhood? How can you be like Jesus by showing compassion to them?

“Maybe it looks like sharing an encouraging word or note with someone who is often overlooked. Maybe it looks like bringing a meal to someone in the neighborhood who is alone and sitting with them to talk. I don’t know what it looks like for you to show compassion, but I’m guessing that you are starting to think about it.

“For some of you, you might feel like the one Jesus was talking about. The one who feels overlooked and excluded from the group. If that’s you, I want you know that God sees you and knows your situation. God loves you and has a plan for your life. You’re not alone. You have a whole lot of kids in this room who’d love to hang out with you, including your amazing Small Group Leaders. Reach out to them; they’re here for you!

“Now, as you head to Small Group think about this question:”

SLIDE: Key Question Slide

“**What's your purpose in life?** In other words, as you think about the way God created you, how can you live your lives with others in mind? How can you show Jesus’ love to others with how you treat them? If you’re not quite sure how you’d answer that question, don’t worry. You’ll have a chance to talk about it in groups. Before you head out, let’s pray and thank God for sending Jesus to rescue us and show us what compassion is all about. 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