

Alley Rundown—March 13th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: All For You (Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites) •
Exodus 17:8-13

Today's Key Question: Who do you work well with?

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to help someone succeed.

Monthly Memory Verse: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor." (Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

CONNECT TIME: March Madness Mix-Up REMATCH EDITION!

Supplies Needed: 2 Sets of TOGETHER "Hoops" and 2 Buckets of Ping Pong Balls (per Campus)

How to Play:

- **Divide** your group into 2 teams. Boys vs Girls or 4th vs 5th Grade.
- **Give** each team a bucket of ping pong balls.
- **Line Up** the T-O-G-E-T-H-E-R Hoops in order for each team, on your Small Groups Table (or any other area that seems appropriate in your space).
- **Line Up** teams behind a set line. A fair distance away from the hoops.

At your "GO!", teams will race to be the first team to make a basket into all the letters in "TOGETHER", by alternating players throughout the line (one at a time). Play a few rounds as time allows.

PROMO: Camp Manitoqua (4th Graders) and Parkview Students Camp (5th Graders)

"Hey 4th Graders! This is your last year to attend Camp Manitoqua. You don't want to miss this chance to make new friends, and connect with God. Take a look at this!

CG: Camp Manitoqua Video

And finally, for all you 5th Graders, this is your chance to go to Parkview Students Camp! Take a look!

CG: Students Camp Promo Video

All the information you'll need is on these postcards (*show postcards*). Make sure you grab one on your way out today!"

Begin Rundown...

"Hey, everybody! Question for you as we get started today. What are some of the hobbies or sports or activities you do in your free time? Take a moment to share with others around you something you're good at or love to do!

Direct kids to share for a minute or two. As you have time, you can call on a couple of kids to hear some thoughts.

“That’s awesome! I heard some really fun activities and I’m sure you’re all amazing at them. Really. When we receive praise for what we are doing, it is a good day. It doesn’t matter if it is coming from a friend, parent, teacher, or coach. But let me ask you something. What happens when we’re not the best? What do we do when we don’t receive the praise we think we should? For example . . .

“When you block the defender so your team’s running back can run clean into the end zone. He gets the glory, but nobody acknowledges your role. What do you do then?

“Or what happens when you work the majority of the research and writing for the group project, but watch all your classmates praise the one who presented all your hard work without recognizing your contribution?

“What about school choir? When you are not singing the solo and simply harmonizing with them, what do you say when nobody notices your great vocal skills?

“That can get tricky. Playing a supporting role when we want to be the star can be hard. But what if that supporting role is what’s needed most in the moment—the best way for you to help?

“These are great sorts of questions for us to consider. And as we look for answers to them, one of the first places we should look is the Bible. Sometimes, our questions are answered exactly how we’re asking the question. Other times, we can’t find our exact question anywhere, but that doesn’t mean the Bible can’t help us discover something about how we should respond to those questions. In fact, the moments we discover in the Bible can help us process all of our questions and learn who God is and how God wants us to live. Let’s check out one of those sorts of stories today with the help of this week’s Episode.”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:30)

“This is an incredible story. God chose to use Moses, Aaron, and Hur to help Joshua and the rest of the men on the battlefield. I often wonder if Joshua or the Israelites knew what was happening above them and how important Moses, Aaron, and Hur were to what was happening on the battlefield. I doubt those who were fighting would have glanced up in the heat of the battle to notice when Moses’ arms were up or down! Imagine the outcome if Aaron and Hur left Moses to go fight when the Israelites started losing. Or picture what would have occurred if Aaron and Hur just stood back and watched Moses struggle. None of this happened because they decided to work together. And God worked with all of them to do something miraculous.

“I love how NONE of the people did what they did to make themselves famous. They were simply trying to help someone else succeed. Which goes back to our question about playing the supporting role. In life, we should also look for ways to help others succeed. Doing so could mean we don’t get any praise or any credit for our contribution.

“Maybe for you this looks like helping your little brother understand addition and subtraction on his math homework, even when it’s not your grade. It could mean tossing a baseball with your friend to help them warm up for their game when you don’t even like baseball. It could mean you and your sister help your dad mow the lawn when he’s away on a work trip.

“One time Jesus said,

Open the Bible to Matthew 7:12a (NIRV) and read.

“*“In everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you.”*

“Working together for unselfish reasons is a great way to show someone you love them. In other words, you should **treat others the way you want to be treated.**”

“Working together for someone else is not always convenient or easy. But it is a great way to show someone you love them! As we get ready to meet with our Small Groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“**Who do you work well with?** Who are the people who you know will rise to the occasion and give their best? It could be a friend at school or maybe even a member of your family. You’ll chat more about this in small group and discover more about how you can work with others to help others. Before you head out, let’s pray and thank God for the people in our lives who can help us make a big difference for others! 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