

Alley Rundown—March 20th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Do Something (Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk/Four Friends) • *Luke 5:17-26*

Today's Key Question: Who do you know who needs help?

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

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

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!"

"Also, in an effort to get you all excited about Camp coming up this Summer, let's play a game where you will have to guess what these letters home to Mom say. Parts of the letter will be covered up, and you have to guess what they are really trying to say! Here we go!"

CONNECT TIME: Dear Mom, I'm Fine, How are You?

Supplies Needed: SLIDES on Computer

- **CHOOSE CONTESTANTS.** Choose two contestants (for each round) to play. When you ask for volunteers, ask for two players who are willing to admit they miss their mom at camp!
- **THE QUESTION.** Show a question slide, which will have a letter written by a kid to their parent, but will have a few words marked out.
- **THE ANSWER.** Allow contestants to guess their answers by just saying the answer when called. Then, reveal the answer and give a point to the contestant who answered correctly, (or can make the best case for being the closest). The Team with the most points at the end wins!

Begin Rundown...

"Hello, everybody! Thanks so much for being here in The Alley! Let's have a show of hands: who likes to have fun? (*Pause for response.*) Yeah, of course! Most everyone enjoys a good time every once in a while, but what people enjoy and how they define 'fun' can be different from person to person, can't it?"

"I'm sure we'd hear all sorts of different answers to a question like this: What do you like to do for fun with your friends? (*Take a few responses*)"

"I love hearing all the sports, games, and adventures you enjoy with your friends. Now, think with me for a moment. When you're participating in those activities and having a blast, what are you thinking about?"

During the times you are running up the soccer field, jumping on the trampoline, or walking into the movie theater with your friends, what is going through your head?"

"If you are anything like me, more than likely you're thinking about how much fun YOU are having. YOU are not wanting the activity to end. YOU don't want the other team to win. Yes, more than likely, it's all about YOU.

"It's only natural that we think about ourselves, but in those moments, do you ever wonder about the other people with you? Do you think about how they're enjoying what you're doing? How they're feeling about the game or project? Or maybe even, do you wonder if someone you're with has a need?"

"When we are with our friends, seeing the needs of those around us doesn't always get top priority. Many times, we are simply oblivious to the needs of those around us because we are having a great time with those friends. This is what makes this one story we are going to explore so remarkable. How should our friend groups respond when we see a need we just might be able to meet? That's the question we get to explore today as we look at a really incredible moment from Jesus' life. Let's watch!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:00)

"As I sit here and think back on this story, I can't help but be amazed. This story was about a man who was unable to work or live an independent life. The man lying on the mat needed Jesus for healing. God used some friends to go above and beyond to make sure their friend did not miss his chance to be seen by Jesus. Through the power of God and the help of a few friends, the man who could not walk was now able to jump, fish, or race camels!

"Jesus had the power to heal this man's need to walk, but Jesus also saw the man had a different kind of need! It's the same need each one of us has as well. The man needed to be forgiven of his sins. Jesus lovingly provided both healing and forgiveness.

"It's important to point out that Jesus is the Son of God who also offers forgiveness of our sins. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, because Jesus rose back to life, our sins can be forgiven and we can have a renewed and forever relationship with God!

"This story shows us what it looks like to work together to help others around us. Whether we know it or not, there are needs everywhere. In our neighborhoods. At the park. In our schools. Maybe at your home. Sometimes the needs can be overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. God provides us with friends and community to work with us to help others around us!

"For some, it may be difficult to see the needs. As we wrap up and prepare for small groups, think on this:

SLIDE: Key Question

"Who do you know who needs help?" Ask God to give you the eyes to spot ways to help others! Then ask God to surround you with courageous friends who will work together to make the world a better place! Let's pray and ask God to help us see the needs of others!"

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