

Alley Rundown—March 27th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: One (Early Church Works Together / Believers Share Their Lives Together) • Acts 2:42-47

Today's Key Question: How do you cooperate every day?

Today's Bottom Line: Make a habit of working together.

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 CIY Mix (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 **one more game** of "Dear Mom, I'm Fine, How are You?" This is 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...

"Thanks so much for joining us today in The Alley. Today, I want us to have a quick conversation about music! Does anybody like music out there? (*Allow response*)

Of course you do! Everyone loves a good jam or bop. I would love to have each of you take a moment to share with those around you the name of your favorite song. Let's do that now!"

Direct kids to share with their peers. After a moment, allow several kids to share their favorite song.

"You all have great taste in music. Sometimes I take music for granted. Upon hearing a song, I hear a polished composition of excellence but fail to think about the various artists needed to make the complete sound. A drummer plays the drums. Someone is strumming the electric guitar. Another is slapping the bass guitar. The keys on the piano are played by a person! A vocalist does all the singing. Everyone has a part to play with every jam session! When you think of music this way, it makes you really appreciate each song."

"For example, we'll listen to a brand-new song "Love Like You." It's got it all—a good beat, killer vocals, and the instrumentals are on point. I want us to take a moment to listen to a portion of this song. As the music is played, I want you to listen carefully to all the different components that make this song so good. Ready? Let's give it a listen."

AUDIO: "Love Like You" / track 9 from Make a Move

Allow the music to build. If time permits, play the first minute of the song.

Great song, right? What I love most about this song are all the different artists working together to create this sound. As you listened, what instruments could you hear, and how many vocalists could you pick out?

Call on students to respond. Answers will vary.

"Great discussion! Some of you heard drums, synthesizers, keyboards, and more. Many of you with a keen ear noted more than one vocalist. I'm reminded that there are so many parts when making a song great like this. It's true for an orchestra, a jazz band, a school choir, mariachi band, and worship songs! Without the stringed instruments, the orchestra wouldn't be the same. If the trumpet never showed up to the jazz band, people would notice. Each instrument or vocalist are important and must work together to make beautiful music. When a component is removed, the song is no longer the same.

"Life is a lot like a jam session. When everyone works together, life can be so much better. However, we all have a role to play. If you have no role in a band, you are simply a fan. But someone who contributes is part of the team.

"When you think of life and all the ways we can work together to help others, what role do you play? Are you someone who is quick to welcome the new kid into your friend group? Are you the one who is quick to defend others who are being bullied? Are you the first one to share? Or are you a bystander who never really helps? How can you find out the part you play?

"Today, I want us to explore a story that took place long ago when the very first church was really young. It was a group of people from different places with different gifts playing different parts! It's a story I'm really excited to share today! Let's take a look with the help of this week's Episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“This is a remarkable story. Churches teaching about Jesus did not exist. This was the very beginning of people coming together to learn about Jesus and live out their faith! But the early followers of Jesus, worked together and ate together and prayed together and learned together and shared together so that others could know Jesus!”

“It worked like a band. Those who could play the drums—they played the drums! Only it wasn’t drums they played. Rather, some prepared and gave food away. Those who could slap the bass—they slapped the bass! Only it wasn’t the bass they played. Rather, some opened their homes for the believers to meet together. If someone could play the keys, they played the keys!”

“But they didn’t really play a piano or keyboard. But some did use their gift of teaching to share Jesus’ story! When all of their gifts and talents came together—they really made some noise!”

“God worked through the cooperation of these early believers to grow his church! It is true that we can accomplish lots of incredible feats alone. However, we can accomplish so much more when we work together! How awesome would it be if we worked together like the early church? Each of you could play a role in helping others know Jesus and meeting the needs of others. A rock band requires all kinds of talented people to create a jam. Likewise, all of you bring a different talent and voice to the collective group. Together we can see the needs of others and work to help out.”

“Working together may not always come easy. Sometimes hard things take practice but working together is always worth it. As we wrap up, I want to challenge you to keep your eyes open for ways we can help others! If you don’t see any needs around you, ask God to help show you the needs of others! When we see needs, that’s when we should do something about it! Consider this question before we head to our small groups:”

SLIDE: Key Question

“How do you cooperate every day? Before we head out, let’s pray and ask for help working together for His glory!”

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