

Alley Rundown—March 6th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Come Together (Building the Tabernacle) • *Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43 (Exodus 19,25)*

Today's Key Question: When have you seen people work together?

Today's Bottom Line: God wants us to work 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

CONNECT TIME: March Madness Mix-Up

NOTE: This game will be played again next week, so please be mindful of the supplies used.

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! I'm so glad to see all of you."

NOTE: The following is an example of a personal story you can tell about a job attempted alone but failed because of the needed help. If you don't have an appropriate story to share, you can use this as a hypothetical situation to help set up the Bible Story.

"This has got to be one of my favorite times of the year! We're starting the month of March, which brings with it spring AND spring break—or at least spring break around the corner! Growing up, we had a spring break tradition. On the first morning of spring break, my entire family would sleep late and cook a big breakfast midmorning. Each year, my dad would man the protein. He grilled the bacon and sausage and fried the eggs. Mom would make her famous homemade pancakes. I had the important role of setting the table.

"In fifth grade, I decided to do something completely different to break tradition without telling my parents. I set me alarm to wake up early to surprise my parents with breakfast! Besides, I figured I could work more efficiently alone without everybody getting in my way! And you know what? Everything started off going great. I placed the bacon and sausage in the cast iron skillet. The eggs were salted and peppered on the stove. Then my attention turned to mom's famous homemade pancakes.

"There wasn't a recipe to follow, so I had to guess. I remembered there was flour, salt, and milk. So, I did my best to guess the appropriate amounts. Mom also used baking powder . . . or was it baking soda? I couldn't remember, so I left that ingredient out. Didn't want to take a chance at getting it wrong. However, I knew I was missing some ingredients, so I took some liberties to modify the recipe. I added some secret elements that shall never be revealed. When I attempted to cook the pancakes, I poured the batter on the electric skillet, but I poured too much. It began to drip over the edge. As I tried to clean up the batter, everything on the stove started to burn. The smoke set off the fire alarm, which woke up my parents and ruined the surprise!

"Somewhere between the pancake mix oozing onto the counter and the reeking smell of burnt bacon, I realized I was in over my head and needed some help! However, the mess was already made and the food was completely ruined. My ambition was bigger than my ability.

"They had to throw out the bacon, eggs, and sausage. When they tried the semi-cooked pancakes, both of my parents started to dry-heave. It was not quite the morning I pictured when my alarm went off.

"Let me be honest for a second. I know I'm not the only one in this room who has tried to accomplish something difficult on their own and failed. For whatever reason, though, we seem to have this part of us that wants to prove to ourselves and maybe to others that we don't need help! Some believe we can do it better on our own than working with other people. Why do we do this? Why do we tell ourselves we don't need help with big projects? Does God desire for us to work alone?

"These are some great questions to ask. In life, I believe the best place we can go with big questions is the Bible. In the Bible, we have stories from people who experienced God first hand. God inspired them to write about those moments for others to experience God, too. They actually have a lot to say about what God thinks about working together. Let's check it out with the help of this week's Episode!

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 15:00)

“In the end, the tabernacle contained tables, altars, specific garments, lamps, the tent, support beams, partitions, and a special box called the Ark of the Covenant—the place where God would come and live. The people used all sorts of metals, fabrics, woods, and stones. The work God requested required expertise and skill far beyond any one individual’s capability. Rather, lots of skilled people worked together to meticulously labor over tasks. When everything was finally in place and the priests were ready, a cloud covered the tent and the glory of God filled it for everyone to see.

“Isn’t that amazing? God wanted to live with the Israelites . . . in the desert . . . inside a huge traveling tabernacle. On top of that, how incredible for God to gift people with skills they could use together to build it.

“All this goes to show that God thinks working together is super important. And think about Jesus! Of course, He was able to do so much on His own! Still, Jesus chose to work together with a unique group of twelve disciples as He traveled and taught. God wanted them to work together! And you know what? God wants us to work together, too!

“Look around this room. Your best skills will be different than the skills of the person next to you. While some are good at sports, others are good at understanding complex mathematical equations. Some are incredible storytellers while others are amazing artists. Each skill we possess is from God. And we can use those gifts on our own, but just imagine what could happen if we work together with God’s help! We’d really make a difference in the world!

“As you head to Small Groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“**When have you seen people work together?** Maybe it was at your house, school, or on your sports team. Different people working together with different skills to make a difference. If you can’t think of a moment off the top of your head, no worries. Your Small Group Leader will help you think of examples. Before you head out, let’s pray and ask God for help working together with 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