

Alley Rundown—October 23rd, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Deliver Us (Burning Bush and the 10 Plagues) • Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42

Today's Key Question: When have you been through a hard time?

Today's Bottom Line: Hold on because God knows what you're going through.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* Galatians 6:9 (NIRV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

"What's going on, everyone?! Great to be here with you! Last week, we told you about a special event just for 4th and 5th graders..."

SLIDE: Alley After Hours

Alley After Hours is Friday, November 11th. Registration is open right now online, so be sure to sign up and get your friends to register, too.

We'll have jumpy's, a glow room, a scavenger hunt, crafts and prizes... And one of the Alley leaders is going to get sliiiiiimed. There will also be candy and slushies for you to buy. You won't want to miss out on Alley After Hours.

"All this month we have been talking about grit. When it comes to this idea of grit, there is definitely something to be said about helping each other out. Remember, grit is refusing to give up when life gets hard. And often it's the people around us who help us not give up! Unfortunately, all of us will face a time when it feels like no one is there to help. Maybe inside we know that God is with us and we're not really alone, but how can we remember that God is with us when everything in our life feels really difficult?"

"This is a really great question for all of us to think about. After all, we'll all face times when it feels like no one is there to help. Thankfully, like we see each week here at [name of environment], the people mentioned in the Bible experienced moments like these, too. They got through them with God's help. And when we read and talk about their experiences, we can learn from them and realize that with God's help, we can get through anything we face, too."

"You might remember that we left off with a bit of a cliffhanger last week. Let's do a quick recap. God's people, the Israelites, were in Egypt after moving down to be with Joseph and escape the global famine. In Egypt, the Israelites were growing in number, and the Pharaoh became nervous and paranoid that they'd rise up and take over. So Pharaoh enslaved them and put a horrible plan into motion to try to eliminate the young boys. In the midst of this decree, an Israelite boy named Moses was rescued and drawn out of the water—what his name means—and raised in Pharaoh's palace. This didn't stop what Pharaoh was doing to God's people. His oppression of the Israelites continued, and the people cried out. God heard their cries and decided to do something about it.

"By this time, Moses had grown up, like really grown up. He was about 80 years old, but like a young and active 80. And he wasn't living in the palace. He ended up having to escape to a place called Midian, where he was living as an ordinary shepherd, tending the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro. Let's pick up where we left off last week with the help of this week's Episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 14:30)

"Now, this is one the most famous stories in the Bible. I have a feeling that many of you have even heard it a time or two. And because it's familiar to us, it's easy to forget just how difficult it must have been for God's people as they were there in Egypt, oppressed by Pharaoh. I'm sure there were a lot of moments when they thought that they would never get out. Maybe they prayed a lot of prayers to God that they felt were just bouncing off of the ceiling. But did you notice who started this whole rescue operation?"

It wasn't Moses. He was pretty unsure from the start. No, it was God. God came and called Moses. God was the one who saw what was happened to the Israelites and was concerned. God also told Moses about the plan to do something about it. Moses may have brought them out of Egypt, but God cleared the way.

"I know there are definitely a lot of times in life where we face hard situations that just doesn't seem like they're ever going to change. Maybe we feel like our prayers are bouncing off the ceiling. We wonder if God really knows what is happening with us or even cares. We feel so alone.

"But remember: what was true for God's people back in Exodus is true for us, too. God sees and hears. God is CONCERNED. And many times, God is working, even when we don't recognize it. It may be through someone else that God has put in your life to help you, like a Moses. Maybe they are there to help you hold the pack up over your head, so to speak. And while it may take a longer than you'd expect or like, God is still for you. God has a pretty good track record of faithfulness. And we can trust God no matter what! God will give us the strength we need to have grit and keep going.

"As you go to small groups today, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

"When have you been through a hard time? For some of you, that answer is present tense, like you are going through a difficult time right now. For others, it could be something that happened a few year ago or last week. I mean, all of us went through a global pandemic together! Thankfully, God is always faithful. In every moment, good or bad, God is with us to help us through. What's also really great is that God often sends amazing people into our lives just when we need them to help us find the grit we need to get through—just like your Small Group Leader and friends in your group. You can chat with them about all of this and more!

OFFERING TIME:

Eli and Mandy Garcia
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Piedras Negras, Mexico.

We're bringing our offering in each week this month, to bless our friends in Mexico at Vida Nueva Ministries. Your offering will go to help our friends have all that they need to learn more about Jesus, just like you do here in Parkview Kids every week. So, if you brought your offering you can bring it up now while this video plays. And you might even see some faces you recognize!

CG: Parkview Missions Trip to Mexico (Runtime: 1:30)

"Before we head out, let's ask God to help us get through whatever we face this week. Let's pray."

Dismiss students to their Small Groups after prayer and offering.