

Alley Rundown—November 20th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Safe and Sound (Daniel Is Thrown into a Den of Lions) • *Daniel 6*

Today's Key Question: What is the bravest thing you've ever done?

Today's Bottom Line: You can do what you should because God is with you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

“Hey, friends! I always love getting the chance to hang out with you! Life is definitely better when you get to be with people who care about you and think you're pretty great. And personally, I think ALL of you are REALLY great! But that gets me thinking about the times when we might not be with anyone we really know or who really knows us.

“We could be in a room full of people and still feel like we're all alone. Maybe it's the first day at a new school or playing with a new team. Maybe it's a time when you're in a crowd with a parent, like at a shopping mall or sporting event or on a train or bus. And even though you know your family member, you still feel pretty anxious about not knowing anyone else. I have a feeling that each of you at some point have faced something like that. So I have an idea. Let's take a minute or so and chat with our neighbors. When is a time you felt alone? And what did you do about it?

Give kids a few moments to share with each other. As time allows, give a few of the kids a chance to share about their experiences. Take a moment to share your own, something like the example below.

“Thanks for sharing those stories. I remember my first time attending sleep-away camp. I was super-nervous going somewhere where I didn't know anyone. And for those first couple of days, even though I was in a cabin with 10 other guys, I felt like I was all alone. We didn't even know each other's names. Then, finally, on that third morning, when we got to the lake for morning swim time, another guy in my cabin called my name and asked me to hang out with him for the morning. And in that moment, everything changed. Someone knew me. Maybe I wasn't as alone as I thought I was.”

“Feeling like we're all alone can be tricky. We don't want to feel alone, but maybe we are literally alone, like there's not much we can do about it. Or even if there are a ton of people around, maybe it's not really appropriate or safe to try and get to know the people around us.

“So when we do feel alone, what should we do? How do we cope? What can we remember and think about? How do we find courage to keep going or make the wise choice?

“Those are great questions! Questions that people have been asking for thousands of years, even people we can read about in the Bible. So when we have questions like this, the Bible is a great place to start! Remember, the people who wrote the Bible had personal experiences with God and were inspired to write them down for people like us to know God better. Let's head to the Bible now with the help of this week's Episode!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 13:00)

“There will be times in our lives when we have to decide if we’ll be brave enough to do the right thing. In those moments, let’s remember that we’re never really alone. God is always, ALWAYS with us.

“Maybe it will be a moment when you see other kids picking on someone or talking about them behind their back . . . and you think to yourself, ‘SOMEONE should speak up for her.’

“Maybe there’s a kid you know who seems like he’s having a tough day. You could talk to him and try to cheer him up . . . even if you don’t know him that well.

“In these moments, you might feel like you’re the only one even thinking about doing the right thing. You may feel like you’re completely alone as you try to stick up for someone or reach out to help others. But the truth is . . . you’re not alone.

“Just like God was with Daniel in the Lion’s Den, God is with you, too. You can find comfort that God is with you and can give you the courage to do the right thing! You can trust God no matter what!”

“As you head out to Small Group this morning, I have a question for you to think ask yourself.

SLIDE: Key Question

“**[Key Question] What is the bravest thing you’ve ever done?** Chances are that you’ve already done some really courageous things in your lives. Remembering how God was with you then can help you find the strength to have courage with what you’ll face in the future. If you’re not quite sure how you’d answer that question, have no fear! You’ll get the chance to talk more about all of this with your Small Group. Before you head out, let’s pray and thank God for always being with us so we’re never alone. 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 TIME:

Eli and Mandy Garcia
Vida Nueva Ministries
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)