

Alley Rundown—December 18th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Over the Hills and Everywhere (Shepherds and Angels) • Luke 2:8-20

Today's Key Question: What are ways you can share the good news?

Today's Bottom Line: The good news is for everyone

Monthly Memory Verse: *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.* Luke 2:11 (NIRV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

"Merry Christmas, everyone! I am so excited to be with you today of all days!"

"Well, I want to start with a little . . . challenge, we'll call it—like a quiz, I guess. But don't worry, I know you're on Christmas break. This will not be that hard. I'll read something to you, and I want a volunteer to tell me who would MOST be excited by the news I've just read. In other words, who is this good news for?"

"Here is the first one: In 2010, after being trapped underground for 69 days, thirty-three miners from Chile were successfully rescued! Who is that good news for?"

Call on a volunteer to respond.

"Well, certainly everybody cheered for their rescue, but you have to imagine that was REALLY good news for their families, right?"

"How about this one? On February 5th, 2017, the New England Patriots were down 28-3 to the Atlanta Falcons with 2:03 left in the 3rd quarter. The Patriots stormed back in the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history, winning the game 34-28. Who is this good news for . . . and please don't say people in Atlanta!"

Call on a volunteer to respond.

"Right. Patriots fans. Or fans of crazy sports moments. Or people living in the New England part of the United States."

"Okay, let's try one more. On February 12, 2019, after 6 years and rumors that a sequel to the hit 2013 movie would be coming, the Frozen 2 teaser-trailer hit YouTube and movie theaters everywhere. Now, who do you think was MOST excited by that news? Who was that good news for?"

Call on a volunteer to respond.

"Yes! Some of you . . . and your sisters and friends . . . and, of course, Disney fans around the world would race to movie theaters in November of 2019. How many of you have seen it? (*get response*) Amazing!"

"When you think about it, much of the good news we hear is good news, but it's *really good news* for a specific group of people, like sports fans or movie fanatics, families or neighborhoods, maybe even entire nations. But every so often we hear good news that's so good, so wonderful, so amazing that it's actually good news for everyone in the entire world. And when that sort of news breaks, how would it feel if you didn't have an opportunity to hear it yet? Wouldn't you really want to know about it? Of course you would!"

"Now, imagine that you already had news like this. What would you want to do about it? Would you keep it to yourself or shout it from the rooftops? These maybe sound like strange questions to ask ourselves on Christmas Day, but maybe they'll make sense as we get into our Bible story for today. Let's check it out with the help of this week's Episode!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 16:00)

“That’s the thing about good news . . . you want to share it! Think about it: if you get a good grade on a test, you probably can’t wait to tell your parents. Or if you get to that next level you’ve been trying to beat on a video game, you can’t wait to tell your friends. If you won tickets to see your favorite sports team, I’m sure you’d want to tell everyone!

“We have some of the greatest news you could ever have—God’s Son, Jesus, the Savior of the world, came for us! And because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever! What could be better than that?! We get to share that with everyone, just like the shepherds did. We can tell others about Jesus and show them God’s love with our words and actions. And who knows . . . maybe they’ll be amazed and then go share it with others as well.

“We received the good news. Now, let’s go share the good news!”

“Today, as you go to groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: Key Question

“**[Key Question] What are ways you can share the good news?** Since we have the best news there is in Jesus, what are some ways we can tell others about it? How can you do that today with the people you’ll see for Christmas? How can you continue showing others the good news of God’s love in the New Year? If you’re not sure or have questions about any of this, be sure to chat with your Small Group Leader. They’d love to help you know what it means to have a relationship with Jesus. Before we head out, let’s pray and thank God for sending Jesus as the greatest gift ever! Let’s pray.”

OFFERING TIME:

All this month, we have been bringing our money to support Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your offering helps people just like you to have the resources they need to experience a new life with Jesus! Here is a picture of our friends Eli and Mandy Garcia and their family...

SLIDE: Eli and Mandy

They are our friends and Parkview Global heroes that tell people about Jesus down in Mexico. So, if you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays!

CG: Vida Nueva Ministries Video (Runtime: 2:00)

Slide: WinterPalooza

Also, before I go, I want to tell you about an amazing event we have coming up after you come back from Christmas break. It’s called WinterPalooza!!! On January 8th (9th too for New Lenox) we will be having a party to celebrate the New Year! We’ll have games, crafts, prizes and all kinds of FUN. So grab a postcard on your way out and make sure you tell whoever brought you that you want to be here on January 8th!!!