

ALLEY Rundown – May 27-29, 2023

Today's Bible Story: All I Ask of You (Philip and the Man from Ethiopia) • Acts 8:26-40

Today's Key Question: What questions do you have?

Today's Bottom Line: God is with you even when you have questions.

Monthly Memory Verse: *So we can say boldly, 'The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.'*
(Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

Need 5th Grade Graduation Gifts (Prayer Journals)

NOTE: This week is a celebration of our graduating 5th Graders, as well as ending our yearlong sponsorship with Vida Nueva Ministries! Notes are at the end of this Rundown.

"Hey, everybody! Today is a very special day here in The Alley! Today we get to celebrate some very important people. Some VIPs if you will. Who are these VIPs you may ask? Well, our VIPs today are...

Eli and Mandy from Vida Nueva Ministries AND our 5th Graders!

We have been sponsoring Eli and Mandy, missionaries in Mexico with our offering for a whole year, and we want to celebrate them today! We will start sponsoring a new ministry with our offering next week. We can't wait to tell you about it.

CG: kids at school (offering Pic)

Isn't it so awesome that you have helped all of these kids in Piedras Negras, Mexico! The offering that you guys brought in helped these kids in an underprivileged area receive health care, meals and education. Today we are going to have some fun celebrating Eli and Mandy at Vida Nueva Ministries and our 5th Graders. Before we leave today, you will all be able to write a postcard to Eli and Mandy as well as pray for God to continue to use them in BIG ways!"

"We just sent Vida Nueva the money that you guys collected the past year. Anyone want to guess how much we collected over the last year??? (Take some guesses)

Well it was.....\$4,500!!!!!! You guys did an amazing job and helped so many kids! They were so happy that Eli and Mandy themselves wanted to record a video for you guys. Check it out....

VIDEO: Message from Eli and Mandy

"So awesome! You got to be a part of making a difference in the lives of kids in Mexico!" Give yourselves a hand!

SLIDE: Theme

"Well, we will do some special celebrating later but right now I have a question for you...

What is something that you are good at? Everyone is good at something. Could be fractions, riding a bike, memorizing lines for a play, ping pong...think hard and tell me something you are good at."

"I bet you are pretty good or knowledgeable about at least a few things—and that there are some things you don't know about or aren't great at. But that's how it goes, right? I don't think there's a human alive today who knows everything about everything!

"So what happens when you *don't* know something and you have to ask questions? Think about it. Are you the sort of person who just goes ahead and asks away? Or are you more likely to keep your questions to yourself? Maybe you feel embarrassed or wonder if you're not smart enough to understand?

"Then there are times when you're not sure about the things that you feel like you *should* know—maybe even like what we talk about at church about God or the Bible—but don't? What do you then?

"Sometimes it's hard when you don't know something. But thankfully we've got a great source of wisdom (*hold up Bible*) right here. Today our story is specifically about a follower of Jesus named Philip. And, surprise, surprise, we find someone who has some pretty big questions.

Let's check it out...

VIDEO: *The So and So Show 12:04*

"The official didn't understand what he was reading from Isaiah. I'm guessing that sometimes *you* don't understand what you read from the Bible. I mean, there are things I don't even understand in the Bible! So what can we do in these situations?

"Find a trusted adult like a parent or family member or a Small Group Leader. Then ask your questions. We all need to remember that God welcomes our questions. When we're confused or uncertain about something, we don't need to hide it. We can ask. God is bigger than all of our questions put together!

You can be confident that God will be right there with you, ready to help. Remember, you can trust God no matter what!" Let's pray and thank God for that....

Pray about what they just learned

"We have something amazing coming up and if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up while we watch this video..."

Video: *Summer Jam Promo*

CG: *Summer JAM Slide*

"Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam Tent after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt!"

5th Grade Presentation:

Now it's time to celebrate our 5th graders! They are moving out of Parkview Kids and into Parkview Students! In fact, let's bring them up right now.

(Call all current 5th graders up to the front)

We are so excited for our 5th Graders here in the Alley to “Level Up” to Parkview Students. We have loved having you here in Parkview Kids! We will miss you tremendously, but we believe God is just getting started on your faith story. He has great plans for your life. I can’t wait to see/hear all about how you continue to grow in your walk with Jesus! We love you guys!

(Call up 5th Graders, give them their prayer journals (IF THEY DIDN'T GET ONE LAST WEEK, and pray that God would continue to use them and bless them as they “Level Up!” to Student Ministry.)

“Now it’s time to celebrate Our 5th Graders and Vida Nueva with a Mexican Fiesta!!”

Your Campus Coordinator will tell you if the activities are being done in Small Groups or in a Large Group. Fiesta activities are on a separate page.