

2023 LEADER GUIDE

MASTERPIECE

God Made It | We Broke It
Jesus Fixed It | We Receive It

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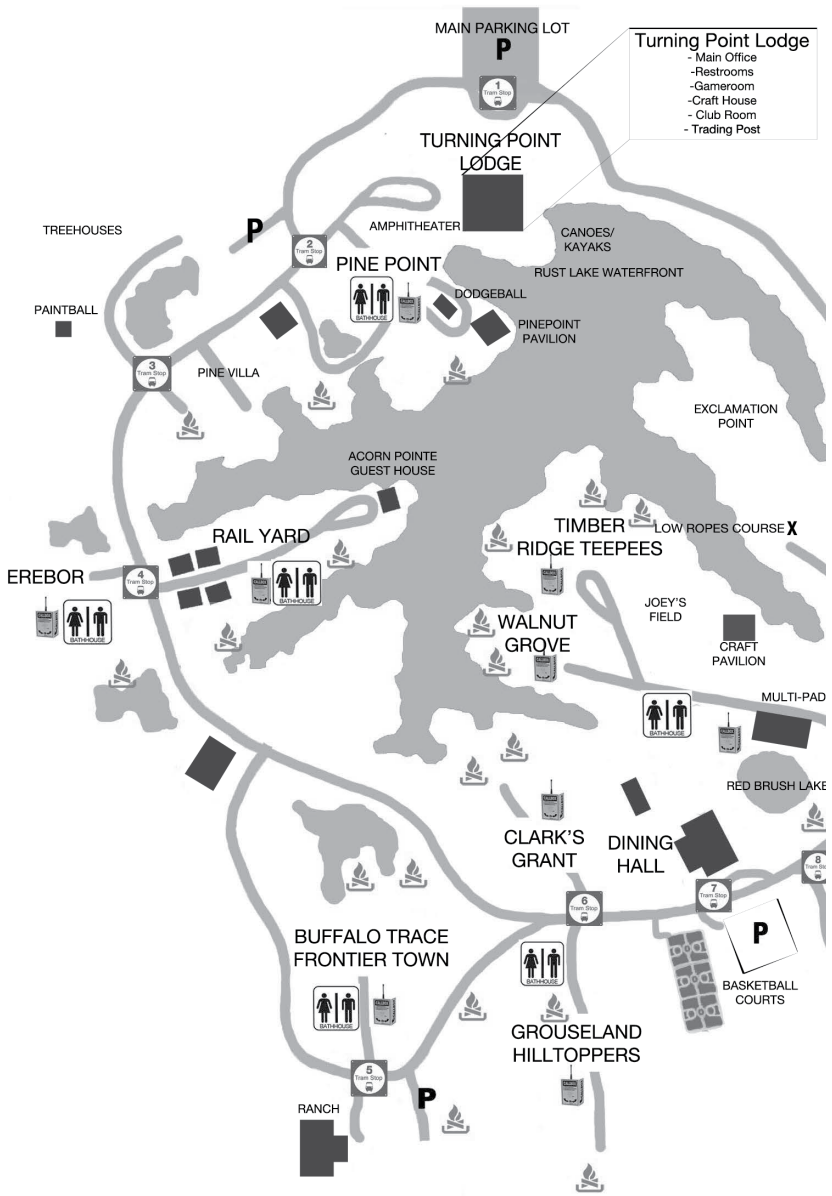
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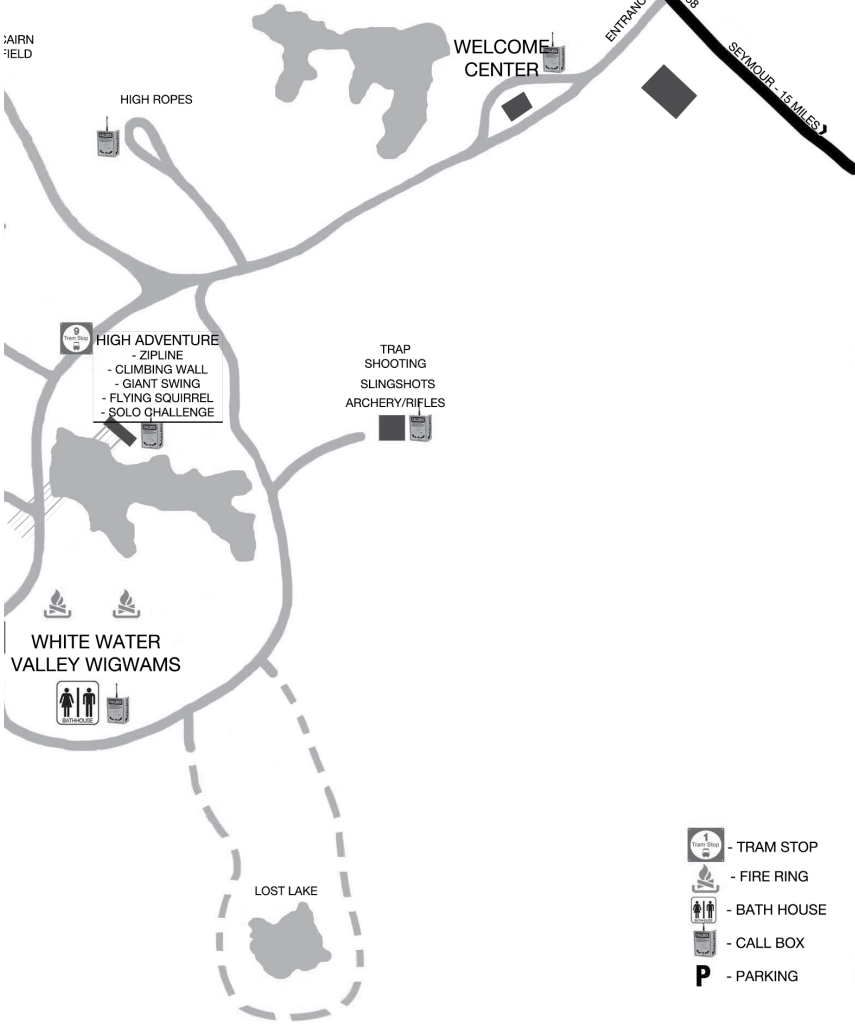
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Welcome to Kids Camp!

Welcome to a wonderful week of camp! By serving as a Small Group Leader at Kids Camp, you are helping remove unnecessary barriers that are keeping kids from Jesus. You're helping to create an immersive experience that kids will remember for the rest of their lives! We are so thankful and excited you are here to lead and model the love of Christ to kids.

First things first: Keep this guide in a safe place, where you won't lose it. DO NOT lose this camper guide.

Small Group Information:

Use the next page to write down the names of everyone in your Small Group and any notes about them that you'd like to remember. At the end of the week, you will be tasked with sending a followup postcard to each member of your Small Group describing their positive character traits (i.e. patience, leadership, kindness). Your notes below will help you come up with specific encouragement to provide to each camper.

Small Group Name:

Small Group Members:

Welcome to Kids Camp!

We want to equip you to lead a thriving, respectful, engaging Small Group. Kids function best with predictability and clear boundaries. The foundational guidelines and expectations described below will be referenced throughout the week and can be used to reinforce the behavioral expectations we have for everyone at Kids Camp.

If you need any support throughout the week to help your Small Group better experience Jesus together, the Traders Point Kids staff is available. Whether it's something big or small – we are here to help! We want your full focus and active presence to be with the kids at all times. So don't hesitate to let a Traders Point Kids staff member know if there's something keeping your Small Group from thriving. **Read these expectations to your Small Group as often as you need to:**

Expectations:

Together, we will commit to these expectations this week at camp:

1. **WE ARE RESPECTFUL.**
2. **WE ARE PRESENT.**

We are respectful. This means we will show others respect in our words and in our actions. We won't invade other people's space. When someone else is talking – whether it's a kid or a grownup – we will be actively listening to them. We will look for ways to honor one another.

We are present. During large group and small group, our brains will be actively thinking about what is being said. We will be aware of what is going on around us. We will do our best to remain in control of our bodies and emotions.

If you ever feel like someone isn't being safe or respectful, you can let your Small Group Leader or a Traders Point Kids staff member know right away. We are here to help you! When we are all respectful and we are all present, Kids Camp is literally the best place on earth!



What's the point of this week?

So glad you asked. This week is all about experiencing Jesus in a fun and memorable way. We hope this week allows you to create deep friendships with others and connect with God in a way that you might never have before. We hope you make memories that last your entire life.

At this very moment, you might love God with all your heart. You might have a lot of questions about God. You might not believe in God yet. Maybe you've never even heard of Jesus before. All of that is completely okay! No matter where you find yourself, we hope you learn a lot about Jesus this week and discover that He loves you more than you'll ever know – and that you can have a relationship with God that lasts forever!

Small Groups:

You'll stay with your Small Group for every part of camp. That means you'll do everything together: you'll do activities, listen to Bible teaching, have campfires, and play games – all with your same Small Group!

Each Small Group will have multiple Small Group Leaders that will assist, teach, lead, encourage, and help you for the entire week. You'll create so many awesome friendships within your Small Group while learning a lot about Jesus.

Remember to make sure your Small Group Leaders know where you are at all times. Always stay together!

Daily Schedule:

Your daily schedule of activities and teaching is included within this guide. Please ensure that your entire Small Group is present at the designated location at the start time specified on your daily schedule.

Large Group Time:

Every day we will gather for a time of worship and large group teaching. These action-packed times will include fun games, really cool songs and dancing, awesome videos, and the lesson for the day.

Small Group Time:

We will have Small Group time each day. During Small Group time, we will talk about the lesson for the day. We hope that you ask a ton of questions during these times. Questions help you learn and grow. You'll have some fun together and learn a lot of great stuff!

Activity Time:

Scheduled into your day are times for camp activities. TPCC Staff will provide you with a list detailing the rotation of your activities for each day. Your Small Group will be on a scheduled rotation to visit all the available camp activities throughout the week. There will be a time most days to swim.

Small Group Leaders will not be responsible for leading any of these activities – but please ensure your campers are remaining safe and respectful to the SpringHill staff and each other. Remain actively aware of the general safety of all kids engaging in activities.

Please note: All outdoor activities are weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, TPCC staff will direct you to an indoor activity and will inform you of any schedule changes.

Make a Difference Time:

Did you know that God has created you to make a difference? God has given you talents and gifts that He wants you to use to encourage and help others. When we follow Jesus, we want to live like He did. Jesus lived His life serving others and sharing God's love with them. We can find ways to serve others too, whether that's at home, at school, in our community, or around the world. No matter your age, look for ways that you can share God's love through serving.

While you're at camp, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of kids living in Indianapolis. Through a partnership with Lifeline Christian Mission, you'll help package meals for kids just like you who don't always have food to eat. These meals will be given to two organizations serving children in Indianapolis, Brookside CDC and Shepherd Community Center. What you are doing is more than just packing a meal. It's a way to share God's love through meeting a physical need.

Meals and Snack Time:

You will get three full meals each day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All meals will be served in the Dining Hall at your assigned time. During snack times, you get to have fun, eat some delicious snacks, and relax with an ice-cold drink.

SpringHill Merchandise:

SpringHill has two retail locations in which leaders and campers can choose to purchase SpringHill merchandise. These locations are available at designated times during the day. Campers and leaders can pay for merchandise using cash or card.

Merchandise locations:

The Trading Post in Turning Point Lodge

The Snack Shack in the Dining Hall

Campfire:

This is a fun time that we will spend praying, singing songs, and sharing stories around a campfire.

Lights Out:

We have a crazy fun week planned for you. To make the most of this experience, our lights out time will be strictly enforced. When the lights go out, it's time to sleep. You might think it's fun to stay up all night – but believe me, you'll probably be so tired and cranky the next morning. And that wouldn't be fun at all!

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SMALL GROUP LEADER TOOLS

The goal of Small Group time is to encourage and facilitate interactive Jesus-centered conversations between campers and leaders. Each day there are specific discussion questions that can be covered over the course of the day. **Make sure to read over the discussion questions in advance.**

The Small Group questions provided in your Leader Guide are merely meant to be a tool. Remember that the goal of your Small Group time is discipleship, not completion. The provided questions offer a roadmap for discussion, but there is certainly flexibility allowed in the conversation. Ask that the Holy Spirit would give you discernment to know which random topics brought up by campers are rabbit-trails to be avoided versus God-ordained spontaneous moments for ministry that ought to be followed.

The questions are divided into two categories: walking questions and Small Group time questions. The walking questions should be used any time of the day after the Large Group teaching as you walk from activity to activity or during any down time. The Small Group time questions will only be asked during the designated Small Group time each night. These will be more serious discussions that will require more focus and attention from the campers.

For many kids in your Small Group, this will be the first lengthy experience in their life in which they are separated from the immediate oversight of their parent. Here are some reminders kids will need throughout the week:

1. Make sure to apply sunscreen regularly
2. Drink enough water throughout the day
3. Take a shower, brush your teeth, use deodorant, wash your hands
4. Use the restroom before a long walk/hike
5. Eat your meals, get plenty of sleep

GROUP MANAGEMENT TIPS:

Connect before correct. Before addressing any type of behavior a child is displaying, first connect to their emotions. “Emotional attunement” is a key strategy to first connect with a child’s feeling – regardless of whether you share that feeling or if that feeling is rational.

- a. **Example:** If a child disrespectfully yells “no” and refuses to follow your instructions, don’t immediately lead with our rules/expectations to be “respectful and present.” Instead, physically get down on their level, make eye contact with them, and in a calm voice say, “It seems like you’re really angry. Your face is scrunched, your voice is loud, and your arms are crossed. Are you feeling angry right now? Can you tell me what you might be feeling?”
- b. **Example:** If a child is quiet, reserved, looking down, and hesitant to participate, don’t lead with energy and excitement, giving them a huge high-five and assuring them that “today is going to be awesome.” Instead, connect with their emotional level by speaking slowly and maintaining a quiet tone, saying, “You seem to be nervous right now and maybe even a little sad. I feel nervous and uncertain about new places, too. Can I sit with you for a little bit and listen to you tell me what you might be feeling right now?”

Re-do. Extend grace by offering kids a chance to “re-do” something that they may not have gotten perfect the first time. This is a gentle way of allowing a child to self-correct.

- a. **Example:** “Can you try asking that again, with respect?”
- b. **Example:** “It looks like we all got up from the lunch table and we didn’t clean up our mess, nor did we stick together as a Small Group. Everyone, sit back down at their lunch table, we’re going to try that again. This time, be in control of your body, clean up your mess, and stay together. Ready...go!”

Two Right Choices. Disobedient or aggressive behavior can often stem from a child's need for control. When a child feels like they are not in control, their world can feel scary, unpredictable, and unsafe. To share control with them, offer the child two right choices and let them decide how to proceed. You're still ensuring the appropriate outcome, but you're sharing control with the child instead of being demanding.

- a. Example: To encourage a child to sit with their Small Group during large group teaching time, say, "Would you like to skip to our Small Group or jump to our Small Group right now?"

Be assertive instead of passive or aggressive. Passively ignoring a negative behavior isn't helpful, because "what you permit, you promote." Your Small Group will be watching what behaviors you allow in other kids, and they will learn what behavior is permissible in your Small Group. On the other hand, raising your voice to demand control of your Small Group is equally ineffective. Fear-based leadership creates an unstable environment. Be assertive: directly tell people the truth with compassion and empathy.

- a. Example: If a kid is hitting someone or saying mean words, say, "This is a safe place, and I won't let anyone _____ you, so I can't let you _____ because this is a safe place."

Remind kids of transitions. Throughout each day, regularly refer to the schedule and help kids know what to expect. By helping kids maintain awareness of what's coming up and when it's coming, you'll create a predictable environment for them to experience felt safety.

Never shame or embarrass a child. If you ever need assistance with group management or navigating a specific child's behavior, please reach out to a staff member for support. We're here to help!

HOW DO I EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL TO A KID?

God Made It (Genesis 1)

- God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.
- He created the universe and everything in it.
- God created humans and everything in the world was perfect.

We Broke It (Genesis 3)

- The first humans decided to disobey God. They wanted to be in charge.
- Sin entered the world and God's perfect creation was broken.
- Since that time, we are all born into sin and have a sin nature. That causes us to say, think and do things that go against God and who He is.
- Our sin broke our relationship with God, and it separates us from Him. God is perfect and He can't be around sin.

Jesus Fixed It (John 3:16)

- The punishment we deserve for our sin is death and separation from God forever.
- But God loves all people infinitely and desires to be in relationship with everyone.
- God the Son (Jesus) came to Earth and lived as a human being, while remaining God. He lived a perfect life.
- Jesus willingly chose to die on a cross in order to pay the price for our sin. Because Jesus did that, He fixed our broken relationship with God.
- Three days after His death, Jesus came back to life!
- Because Jesus took the punishment for our sins, we are no longer separated from God.

We Receive It (Romans 10:9-10)

- Grace is “giving someone something they don’t deserve” and Jesus offers His free gift of grace to every single person.
- This gift of grace means that He has forgiven us of our sin and taken the punishment we deserve.
- People have the choice to receive this gift from Jesus. There’s nothing we can do to earn it.
- When someone believes in Jesus and chooses to follow Him forever, he/she becomes a Christian and enters into the family of God. He/she will now spend eternity with God in heaven.
- As a Christian, you will continue to sin. However, as you continue to grow closer to Jesus, you will act more like Him.

WHAT DO I DO IF A CHILD WANTS TO GIVE THEIR LIFE TO JESUS AND/OR GET BAPTIZED?

One of the most exciting things about Kids Camp is that the Gospel will be presented in a clear, thorough, creative, and repetitive way. Kids will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message throughout the week and will also have an opportunity to respond to the amazing gift of grace that Jesus Christ offers.

It's important that the church and child's parents are unified in a child's decision to give their life to Christ and get baptized. We don't want the excitement of Kids Camp to emotionally manipulate anyone into committing to Christ because it seems like it's "what they are supposed to do." We also don't want to prevent any child from making the best decision of their life either.

To ensure a child's parents are intentionally involved and actively guiding their child's discipleship, we will immediately inform parents of a child's decision to follow Jesus and to be baptized. The parents will then have an action step of accessing resources and completing a baptism devotional with their child, which is found at tpcc.org/kids-baptism.

For those reasons, we will not be performing baptisms at SpringHill during the week of Kids Camp. All kids and teens who decided to get baptized during Kids & Youth summer trips will have the opportunity to do so on Sunday, June 25th, at all campuses.

The Large Group teaching throughout the week will focus on each aspect of the Gospel message. On Wednesday specifically, kids will learn about how to respond to Jesus' gift of grace. The biblical response of baptism by immersion will also be explained.

There will not be an "altar-call" moment, but kids will have the opportunity to respond by asking for prayer. It's likely that kids will want to accept Jesus' gift of grace at that very moment.

There will be open-ended questions discussing baptism during Small Group time. However, please do your best to not convince or persuade a camper to decide to be baptized. For this conversion to be authentic, allow the camper the opportunity to bring it up on his or her own. At that time, please encourage and affirm that camper's decision and desire to be baptized and notify a Traders Point staff member, who will facilitate all the next steps.



MONDAY, JUNE 5

**WHAT DOES GOD
THINK OF ME?**

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Grades 2-3

9:00AM

Child Drop Off at TPCC
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10:00AM

Buses Depart
TPCC (Northwest campus)

11:30AM

Buses Arrive at SpringHill

12:00PM

Cabin Arrival & Unpack

12:30PM

Lunch (Dining Hall)

1:15PM

Afternoon Devotional
(outside the Dining Hall)

2:00PM

Pre-Large Group
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Small Group

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Activity 1

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Dinner (Dining Hall)

5:45PM

Activity 2

6:30PM

Small Group Activity
(Dining Hall)

7:30PM

Evening Worship
(Amphitheatre)

8:30PM

Small Group

9:00PM

Campfire (Cabins)

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Get ready for bed

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Bus Ride to SpringHill

As kids board the buses, it is the very first time you'll meet your Small Group. You'll be leading these campers all week, so be sure to start it off with a ton of excitement! Welcome each kid with a huge high five and introduce yourself.

Many of the campers will be at camp for the first time and could be nervous and uncertain – and perhaps this is even their very first time spending the night away from home. Connect with them at their emotional level and reassure them that it's going to be an amazing week and the “nervous feeling” usually wears off after 10 minutes.

On the bus ride, do your best to engage with every child. Help kids introduce themselves and meet the other campers in the Small Group. Encourage kids to share their favorite thing about summer.

Your Small Group name will be based on your cabin/bunk name. You'll also have a specific Small Group color, number, and flag to help the campers easily identify your Small Group location at any moment.

Fun icebreaker questions for kids:

To facilitate conversation and spark conversation between the kids in your small group, you can throw out some of these fun icebreaker questions. Nothing builds new friendships like laughing together. The bus ride to camp should be silly, fun, and joyful!

1. What sounds more fun? Surfing, riding a dolphin, climbing a mountain, or rolling in mud?
2. Would you rather go swimming or snow sledding?
3. Would you rather eat unlimited vanilla ice cream for the full summer or any flavor for 1 week?
4. Do you have any nicknames?
5. If you could have an endless supply of food, what would it be?
6. In your family, are you the oldest child, youngest, somewhere in the middle, or an only-child?
7. What's your favorite YouTube video right now?
8. What would your first order be if you were the President?
9. What's the best thing that's ever happened to you?
10. Would you rather have a dinosaur or a blue whale as a pet?
11. Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible?
12. Do you have a favorite Bible verse or Bible passage?
13. What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
14. Would you rather be born with an elephant trunk or a giraffe neck?
15. If I gave you \$10,000, what would you buy?
16. What two words best describe you?
17. Would you rather have 10 brothers or 10 sisters?
18. What is the most difficult thing you've ever accomplished?
19. Would you rather have a dog head on a human body or a human head on a dog body?
20. What is your favorite board game to play? What's the most boring?

MONDAY, JUNE 5 | AFTERNOON DEVOTIONAL

SMALL GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

The afternoon devotional sets the tone and baseline for the day's teaching content. During this time, encourage each camper to read through the devotional in the Camper Guides and allow space/time for the campers to respond to the question prompts that follow.

With each devotional time, you have the freedom to either read it together as a Small Group, or encourage the kids to spend some time alone, connecting with God and reflecting on the content. You can either re-group and discuss the content of the devotional or allow campers time to reflect on their own.

You'll also have materials provided to you to create and assemble your team flag. As time allows, you can decorate your team flag as you see fit. Use this flag as a means of allowing campers to easily identify you in bigger groups and to ensure that you all remain together while traveling. You will carry this flag with you everywhere you travel. You can also encourage your family group to create a team handshake and a team chant/cheer.



MONDAY, JUNE 5

AFTERNOON DEVOTIONAL

*“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
(Genesis 1:1)*

Look outside. Everything you see is part of God’s creation. The sun, the clouds, the grass, the bugs – all part of God’s creation. The very first sentence in the Bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth.

Have you ever seen a house being built? It’s nowhere near as big a job as creating the whole world, but it’s still a big job! It takes a lot of people to make it happen. An architect designs the house. A builder builds the house. An engineer supplies light and water to the house. And then there’s another role that most people don’t think about: the homeowner. The homeowner decorates and takes care of the house.

Creation works kind of the same way.

God designed the world. Jesus made the world. The Spirit of God gives life to the people and animals. And we are the homeowners decorating and caring for the world.

God did a great job designing and building heaven and earth. But why did he do all that work? He created the world for the same reasons you create things.



Think about all the ways you create. Maybe it's writing, painting, building Lego bricks, or even finding new ways to fix your hair. Whatever it is that you're making, you're probably hoping that someone will enjoy it, compliment you, or be proud of you.

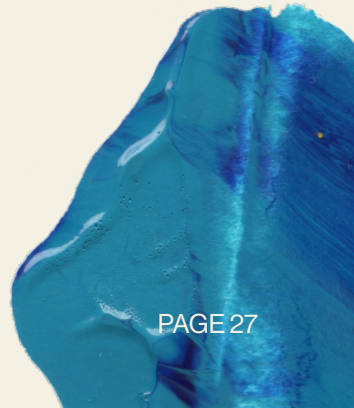
Psalm 102:18 says, "Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord."

God created the world and everything in it so that all creation would praise him. And here's the cool part: creation didn't stop there.

Creation never stops. God gave us the same desire to create and invites us to create along with him. God gave us the job of the homeowner. He wants us to continue to add creative touches to our world and take care of it.

It's not complicated. Just create in the ways you enjoy.

Write a song, invent a new dessert, paint a picture, or build with your hands. Then people can enjoy your creations just like we enjoy God's creation.





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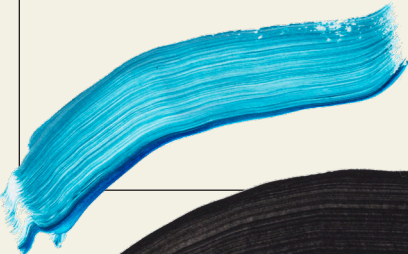
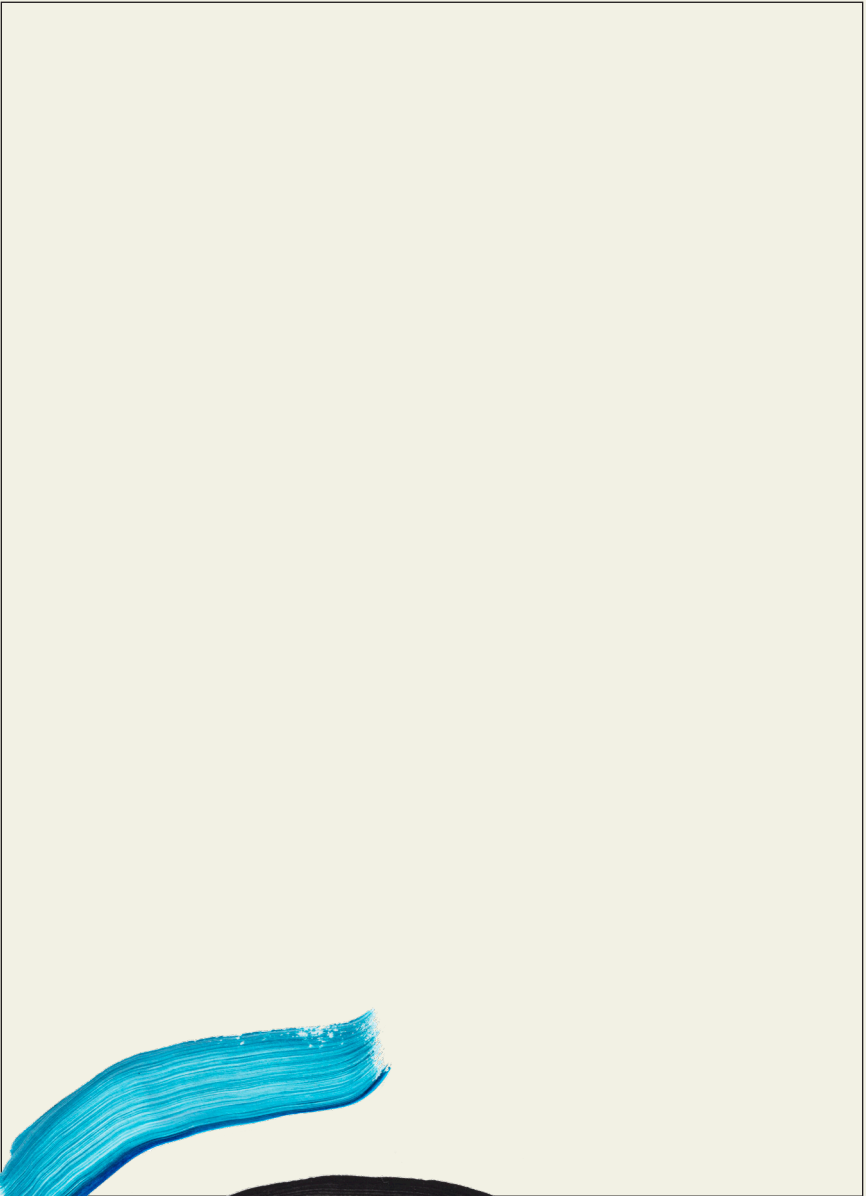
AFTERNOON DEVOTIONAL

What thoughts, ideas, and questions come to mind when you read these Bible verses?

(Use the space to write notes or draw a picture)

How has God gifted you? In what ways do you create alongside God?

(Use the space to write notes or draw a picture)




Make the Most of It.

Every single moment of Kids Camp can be used for intentional discipleship opportunities. The best way for campers to internalize the Bible teaching is for them to be exposed to repetitive, creative inputs of the message throughout the entire day. This includes during formal teaching time, as well as informal time walking from one activity to the next.

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.” (Colossians 4:5-6)

Remember that most of your campers do not yet have a relationship with Jesus. How can you make the most of every opportunity today to point them to Jesus? Here is a list of questions that you can use throughout the day to spark conversation that aligns with today’s Bible teaching:

Walking Questions:

1. What do you think is the greatest thing God created?
2. Play a game of “I Spy” as you walk. Allow the campers to take turns and recognize the different things in God’s creation.
3. God created every animal on the ground and every bird in the sky. Small Group challenge: how many different types of animals and birds can you find while you walk to your next activity?
4. Of everything that God created, humans are His favorite! Human beings were created to do some truly extraordinary things! Here are some fascinating human achievements and abilities from the Guinness Book of World Records. See if your Small Group members can guess the correct accomplishment or see who can come the closest.
(See list on next page) 
5. What is the greatest thing you’ve ever created?
6. What is the most impressive thing you and your friends have ever accomplished together?
7. Who are your heroes in real-life? What makes those people so awesome?

MONDAY, JUNE 5 | WALKING QUESTIONS

- A. How tall is the tallest person to ever live? 8 foot, 11.1 inches. Robert Pershing Wadlow, born in the USA in 1918.
- B. How old was the oldest person to ever live? 122 years, 164 days. Jeanne Louise Calment, born in France in 1875.
- C. How fast can the world's fastest motorized toilet travel? 70.5 miles per hour. This was created and driven by Thomas Ellis in the UK in 2018.
- D. What are the longest fingernails to ever be on a pair of hands? 42 feet, 10.4 inches. Diana Armstrong, Minnesota, measured in 2022.
- E. How many people joined in the largest gathering of people dressed like Superman? 867 people. They met in the UK in 2013.
- F. What are the most pull ups ever completed in one day by a female? 4,081. This was achieved by Paula Gorlo in Poland in 2021.
- G. What are the most amount of consecutive stairs climbed while balancing another person on your head? 100. Giang Quoc Nghiep and Giang Quoc Co, both from Vietnam, climbed 100 stairs with one balancing the other person on their head in 2021.
- H. What is the largest house of cards (a structure built only with playing cards)? 34 feet long and 9 feet tall and 11 feet wide. This was built by Bryan Berg in China in 2010.
- I. What is the largest size of a functioning Rubik's Cube? 33x33x33. A typical Rubik's cube is 3x3. This was built by Grégoire Pfennig in France in 2017.
- J. How old is the world's youngest professional video gamer? 6 years old. Victor De Leon started playing video games when he was 2 years old.

GOD MADE IT.

Overview:

God has always existed and is completely perfect. There is one God, in three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. He created the universe and everything in it. God created humans and everything in the world was perfect.

Large Group Notes.....Write down what you're learning!

1. God created _____ and it was _____!
2. God created _____ for His _____.
3. Of everything God _____, you are His _____.

What questions do you have from today's lesson?

Big Takeaways

What stood out in today's Large Group message?

Bible verses:

1. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:10)
2. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)
3. "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it." (Psalm 139:13-14)
4. "For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen." (Romans 11:36)

Small Group Leader instructions:

The tone of today's small group time should be upbeat and fun. It's all about reflecting on how God created everything in the world – and how awesome the things in this world can be!

Today's Small Group exercises in the camper guides are intended to get the campers thinking about how they are wired. The first exercise is intended to get campers thinking about how they would describe themselves at a very high level. These descriptor words might reveal powerful, engrained internal scripts that we have about ourselves. These personal labels or scripts might be positive or negative and might be true or untrue.

We will spend time comparing/contrasting how we view ourselves, how others view us, and then how God views us. Spoiler alert = God thinks VERY highly of us!!

The second exercise is designed to go a level deeper and help the camper identify how God shaped them, using an acronym. This exercise will require deeper thinking and reflection, and most certainly cannot be completed during this brief Small Group time. Encourage the campers to re-visit this content and activity throughout the week as they discover how God has shaped them.

Remember, the goal of Small Group is not completion, it's discipleship. The following content is merely a tool to foster conversation and there is flexibility in how and when it is completed. Use the Small Group questions and exercises below during the 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Small Group times. You can also direct campers to reflect on this content during any other down time throughout their day.

To model active engagement with today's content, make sure you're filling out the prompts and answering the questions for yourself, as well!

Small Group Content for 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.:

1. **REFLECT:** Today's message was fun, energetic, and awesome! Take a few minutes to write down your thoughts and questions in your camper guide.
2. **ASK:** What stood out to you in today's message?
3. **ASK:** What questions do you have from today's lesson?
4. **READ:** Psalm 139:13-14. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read these verses aloud. Either read them from a Bible or from the Large Group notes in the camper guide.
5. **ASK:** What do these verses say about how God created you? How much about you did God create on purpose? How do you think God feels about the way He created you?
6. Complete the "What makes you...you?" section
SAY: God created all of us on purpose. He gave us each special gifts and abilities. God knows every single thing about each of us and He thinks we are His masterpiece. Take some time to fill out the section in your camper guide entitled, "What makes you...you?" (take some time after each section to discuss, as a Small Group, what the campers circled and why they circled those descriptors).
READ: In the section of the Small Group activity entitled "God describes me as...", encourage each camper to take turns reading the truths about how God describes them. Then, take turns reading how "God describes Himself."
7. Complete the "How did God S.H.A.P.E. you?" section
SAY: As we've been learning all day, God made each of us on purpose...for a purpose. He made you in a very special way so that you can bring other people joy and – ultimately – so you can bring glory to God. Take a few moments to fill out the section in your camper guide entitled, "How did God S.H.A.P.E. you?"
DISCUSS: As a Small Group, give time for each camper to describe how they think God "SHAPED" them. Be encouraging and appreciative of each camper's contributions to the Small Group discussion.
8. **PRAY:** At the end of each Small Group time, take time to ask for prayer requests and pray together. You can either lead the prayer or allow campers the opportunity to pray for one another.

WHAT MAKES YOU...YOU?

I would describe myself as...

(circle all that apply)

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| JOYFUL | DISTRACTED | LAZY | WEAK |
| SMART | GENTLE | KIND | ATHLETIC |
| CONFUSED | ANGRY | MEAN | CLUMSY |
| SILLY | FUNNY | CARING | ANXIOUS |
| CREATIVE | BORING | CARELESS | SCARED |
| PATIENT | ENERGETIC | STRONG | |

Other:

Other people describe me as...

(circle all that apply)

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| JOYFUL | DISTRACTED | LAZY | WEAK |
| SMART | GENTLE | KIND | ATHLETIC |
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Other:

God describes me as...

- I **AM** God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)
- I **AM** a child of God (John 1:12)
- I **AM** able to have direct access to God (Ephesians 2:18)
- I **AM** chosen, holy, and blameless before God (Ephesians 1:4)
- I **AM** adopted into God's family (Romans 8:15)
- I **AM** justified and redeemed (Romans 3:24)
- I **AM** forgiven by the grace of Christ (Ephesians 1:7)
- I **AM** not to be condemned by God (Romans 8:1)
- I **AM** no longer a slave to sin (Romans 6:6)
- I **AM** a temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in me (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- I **AM** a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I **AM** a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- I **AM** made complete through Christ (Colossians 2:10)
- I **AM** to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14)
- I **AM** loved beyond measure (Romans 8:38-39)

God describes Himself as...

- GOD IS** all-powerful (Psalm 135:6)
- GOD IS** creator (Psalm 33:6-9)
- GOD IS** always with me (Matthew 28:20)
- GOD IS** everywhere (Psalm 139:7-12)
- GOD KNOWS** everything (Psalm 139:1-6)
- GOD IS** incomprehensible (Romans 11:33-34)
- GOD IS** eternal (Psalm 102:25-27)
- GOD IS** holy, set apart (Psalm 96:9)
- GOD IS** truth (John 14:6)
- GOD IS** just (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- GOD IS** love (1 John 4:10)
- GOD IS** good (Psalm 100:5)
- GOD IS** merciful (Hebrews 4:16)
- GOD IS** faithful (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- GOD KEEPS** his promises (Hebrews 10:23)
- GOD IS** forgiving (1 John 1:9)
- GOD IS** always the same (Hebrews 13:8)
- GOD IS** all-knowing (Hebrews 4:13)

HOW DID GOD S.H.A.P.E. YOU?

Each human being was uniquely designed to do certain things. People aren't designed the exact same way – after all...how boring would that be?! God gave everyone a unique "shape". You can use the letters that spell "shape" to consider all the unique ways that God designed you!

S = SPIRITUAL GIFTS

H = HEART

A = ABILITIES

P = PERSONALITY

E = EXPERIENCE

S = Spiritual Gifts

*"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."
(Romans 12:6)*

God desires to build up His people by using special spiritual tools that He has placed in each person who has received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. God gives out many gifts, through His Spirit. These spiritual gifts are different than natural abilities that you might have (like singing, excelling in mathematics, performing well in sports, or being gifted in art). Instead, spiritual gifts are a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power in your life so that others are blessed.

No one spiritual gift is given to every person. And when we all use our gifts together, everyone benefits! Spiritual gifts are given to Christ followers so they can serve other people.

Read the following list of spiritual gifts and consider ways these gifts can be used to serve others:

ADMINISTRATION: good with organizing and planning

DISCERNMENT: knowing the difference between truth and error, good and evil, right and wrong

ENCOURAGEMENT: giving other people words of comfort, hope, and reassurance

EVANGELISM: consistently teaching others the Good News about Jesus

FAITH: to be fully persuaded that God's power and promises are true

GIVING: blessing others around you by generously giving your time and personal possessions, without any thought of getting anything in return

HOSPITALITY: creating a space for those in need (particularly someone looking for a place to sleep, for food, or for friendship)

KNOWLEDGE: understanding the truths and ways about God's Word

LEADERSHIP: setting goals to achieve God's purpose and motivating others to make those goals happen

MERCY: (COMPASSION) = feeling empathy and compassion for people who are hurt/suffering

PRAYER: being able to talk to God for extended periods of time, on a regular basis

PROPHECY: speaking truths about the Bible and doing so fearlessly, correctly, and clearly

SERVING: gladly helping others as they try to experience God's love

SHEPHERD (PASTOR): taking responsibility for the care of other people for a long period of time

TEACHING: the special ability to explain the truths in the Bible to others and help them apply God's truths to their lives

WISDOM: sorting through all sorts of information to know what action to take

Bible passages that describe spiritual gifts:

1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, 1 Peter 4, and Ephesians 4.

What questions or thoughts do you have about spiritual gifts?

H = Heart

Your heart is literally the organ in your chest that pumps blood throughout your body to make sure everything is functioning. Your “heart” can also be thought of as the central, most vital part of who you are. Your “heart” is the “real you”: your desires, ambitions, hopes, motivations, and actions.

God might be calling you to serve in an area of the world that closely aligns with your interests and passions. When you identify the things that make you most excited and give you the most energy, you’re close to identifying your heart’s passion.

What things in life are you most passionate about? What activities or topics do you deeply care about?

A = Abilities

Your abilities are the natural skills that you were born with. This might include singing, excelling in mathematics, performing well in sports, or being gifted in art. Our natural abilities are just as important as spiritual gifts. The only difference is that God gave us these abilities as soon as we were born. Every single ability can be used for God’s glory.

What things in life are you really good at? What comes easily or naturally to you that might not be as easy for others?

P = Personality

God loves variety and He designed each individual person on Earth to be incredibly unique. In fact, there is *no one else on Earth* just like you.

How would you describe your personality? What makes you...you?

E = Experience

You are influenced and shaped by the unique life experiences that you've gone through. Most of these life experiences were out of your control. Consider the experiences of your family. You've experienced a ton of things with them. Think about your experiences with your education. The jobs people have, the spiritual encounters they have with Christ, and the ministry opportunities they participate in >>> all of these things shape who they are.

The most significant experiences we have are often really awesome. However, they experiences that shape us the most also include really painful things as well.

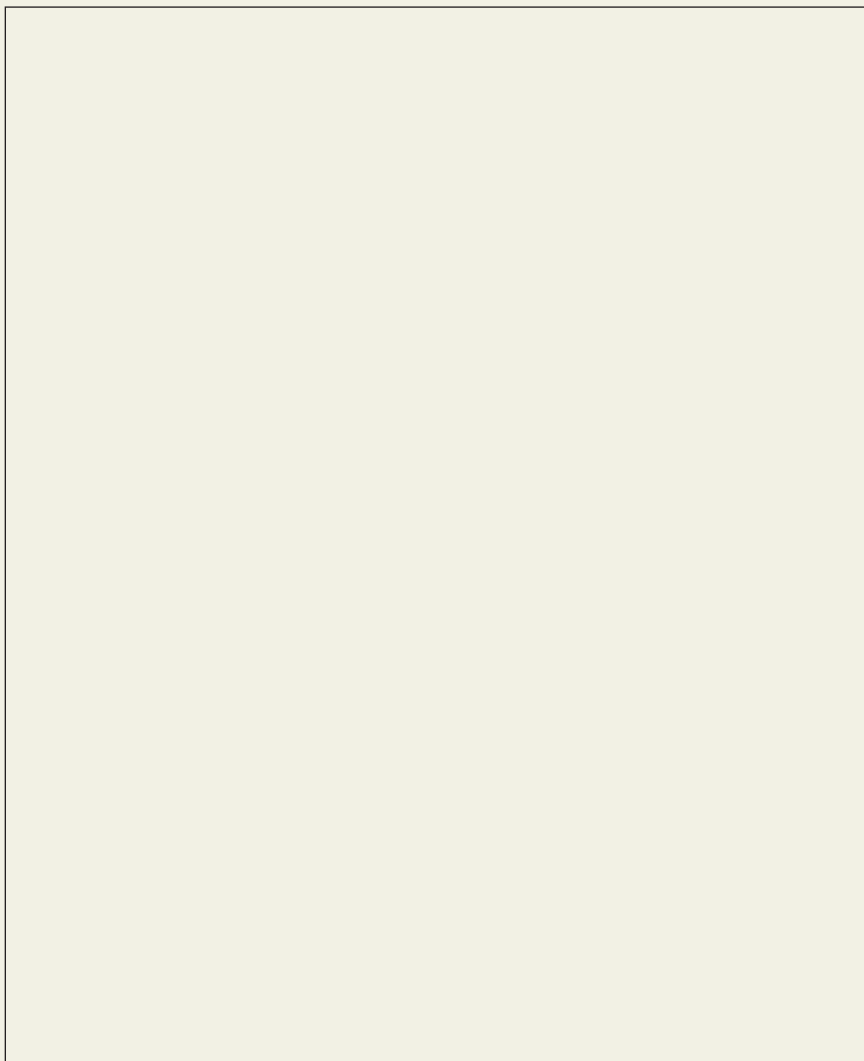
When you look back at your life, what are the most important experiences you've had? What are the best and most painful things to have ever happened to you?

Source:

The "S.H.A.P.E." tool was designed by Rick Warren and Saddleback Church. It is specifically featured in Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Driven Life".

SMALL GROUP NOTES:

Write down questions, takeaways, and anything else!



MONDAY, JUNE 5 | 6:30 P.M. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

SMALL GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

6:30 p.m. Small Group Activity:

Your Small Group will be creating your very own masterpiece! All of the supplies for this activity will be provided for you in the Dining Hall. Choose a location close to the Dining Hall to create your masterpiece. Place the large tin pan (with the concrete mix) on the ground. Then add in all of the water provided. Mix the concrete and water thoroughly and evenly throughout the tin with the stick provided. Instruct the campers to add decorations/cool designs to the concrete mixture. The concrete will dry quickly (probably in 20 minutes), so encourage the campers to decorate fast! After the masterpiece is all finished, bring it to the designated table in the Dining Hall. Clean up your area using the water buckets.

SAY: Ephesians 2:10 says that we are God's masterpiece. Of all the beautiful things in this world, like sunsets, works of art, really cool buildings, the Bible says that human beings are the best part of all of God's creation. We are going to create our very own masterpiece as a Small Group right now! This masterpiece will be used all week long, so let's make sure to take our time and make it really, really awesome! Get creative, because we're going to show off our beautiful creation to the other Small Groups!

8:30 p.m. Small Group:

Continue activities and discussion from 3:30 p.m. Small Group time.

MONDAY, JUNE 5 | 9:00 P.M. CAMPFIRE

9:00 p.m. Campfire:

All campfires take place directly outside your bunk areas. The Traders Point Kids staff will facilitate all the fire-making responsibilities.

The campfire time will begin with all Small Groups sitting around a fire together. We'll sing some funny songs, some worship songs, and maybe even have a Small Group Leader share their testimony with everyone.

At that time, Small Groups will have a chance to break out into a small group for conversation and prayer.

READ: Ephesians 2:8-10.

- *“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.*

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

9:00 p.m. Campfire:

SAY: We will be talking about these verses all week long. It would even be really cool if you could memorize this verse before Thursday! These verses are saying that God created you very special and created you for a specific reason. This week, we're going to learn more about what that reason is. So all week long, I want you to know you can ask me questions about anything that you hear during the teaching times. I'd love to talk about the things you're learning about and am so excited for you to grow closer to God!

ASK: Does anyone else want to read the Bible passage and share what stands out to you in these verses?

PRAY: At the end of your conversation, take some time to pray for the campers by name.

Here's an example prayer:

"Hey God, thank you so much for creating [insert the names of the campers]. Thank you for creating them so uniquely. Please allow them to build friendships with one another this week and especially help them grow closer to you. We can't wait to learn more about your amazing son Jesus and what He has done for us. Please give us wisdom to understand how we can impact others by doing the good things you've planned for us to do long ago. We love you, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."



TUESDAY, JUNE 6

**WHY IS THIS WORLD
SO BROKEN?**

God Made It | *We Broke It* | Jesus Fixed It | We Receive It

“SALVATION IS NOT A
REWARD FOR THE GOOD
THINGS WE HAVE DONE,
SO NONE OF US CAN
BOAST ABOUT IT.”

(EPHESIANS 2:9)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Grades 2-3

7:15AM

Wake Up

8:00AM

Breakfast (Dining Hall)

8:45AM

Morning Devotional

9:30AM

Activity 1

10:30AM

Large Group
(Dining Hall)

11:30AM

Small Group

12:30PM

Lunch

1:15PM

Rest & Swim Prep

2:00PM

Make A Difference Project
(Turning Point Lodge)

Grades 4-5

7:15AM

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Activity 2



Grades 2-3

3:30PM

Snacks (Dining Hall)

4:00PM

Activity 2

5:00PM

Dinner (Dining Hall)

5:45PM

Activity 3

6:30PM

Small Group Activity
(Dining Hall)

7:30PM

Evening Worship
(Amphitheatre)

8:30PM

Small Group

9:00PM

Campfire (Cabins)

9:45PM

Get ready for bed

10:00PM

Lights out

Grades 4-5

3:00PM

Activity 3

4:00PM

Snacks (Dining Hall)

5:00PM

Activity 4

5:45PM

Dinner (Dining Hall)

6:30PM

Small Group Activity
(Dining Hall)

7:30PM

Evening Worship
(Amphitheatre)

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Get ready for bed

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Lights out

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 | MORNING DEVOTIONAL

SMALL GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

The morning devotional sets the tone and baseline for the day's teaching content. During this time, encourage each camper to read through the devotional in the Camper Guides and allow space/time for the campers to respond to the question prompts that follow.

With each devotional time, you have the freedom to either read it together as a Small Group, or encourage the kids to spend some time alone, connecting with God and reflecting on the content. You can either re-group and discuss the content of the devotional or allow campers time to reflect on their own.



TUESDAY, JUNE 6

MORNING DEVOTIONAL

“The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?’

‘Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,’ the woman replied. ‘It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’

‘You won’t die!’ the serpent replied to the woman. ‘God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.’

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, ‘Where are you?’

He replied, ‘I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.’



'Who told you that you were naked?' the Lord God asked. 'Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?'

The man replied, 'It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.'

Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What have you done?'

'The serpent deceived me,' she replied. 'That's why I ate it.'
(Genesis 3:1-13)

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Why did they do it? Adam and Eve made the wrong choice because:

1. Someone said it was all right to do the wrong thing.
2. It looked like a fun thing to do.
3. A close friend did it first.

After Adam and Eve made that wrong choice, they felt guilty and afraid. But it was too late.

Think about what you should say if someone tells you it's all right to do a bad thing. Or if something wrong looks like it would be fun. Or if a friend does a wrong thing first and wants you to do it too. If you can't think of a good answer, ask a trusted adult or your mom or dad for help.



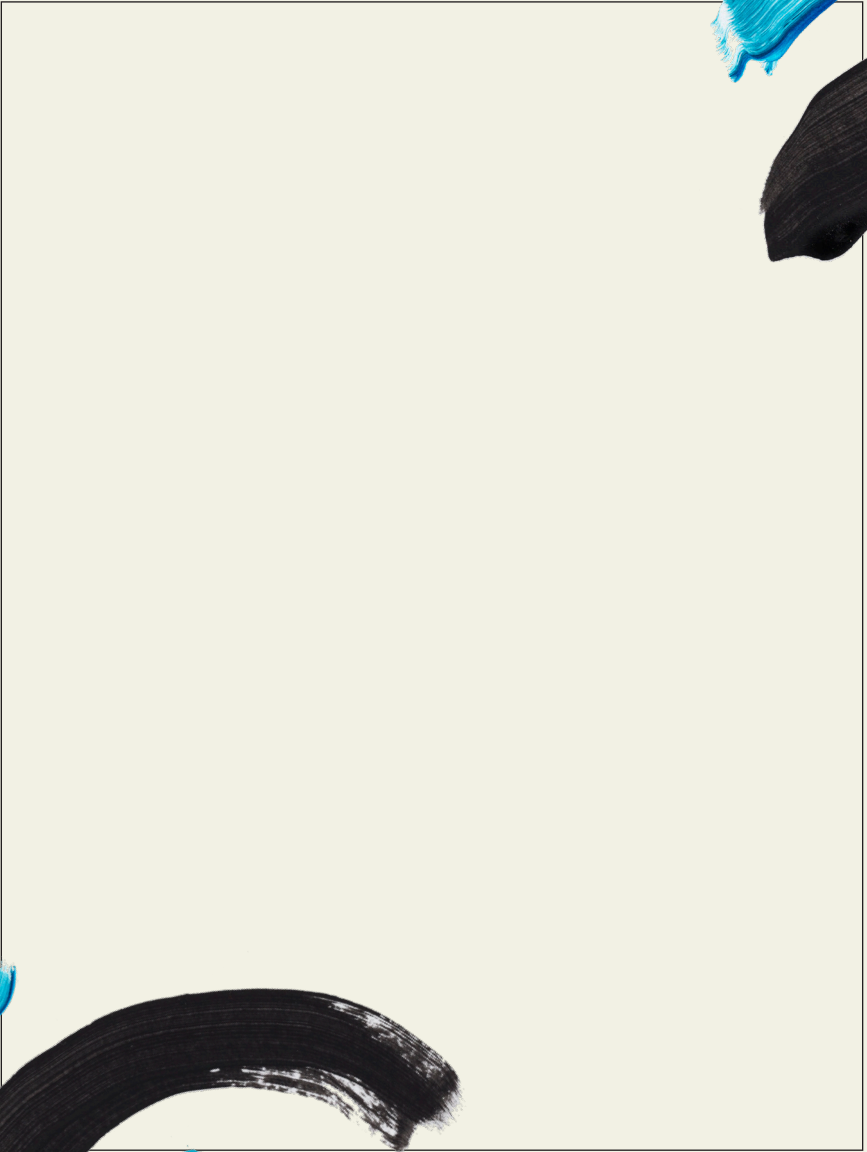


TUESDAY, JUNE 6

MORNING DEVOTIONAL

What thoughts, ideas, and questions come to mind when you read these Bible verses?

What are some examples of wrong choices you've made in the past? What made those choices wrong?



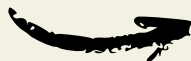
Make the Most of It.

Every single moment of Kids Camp can be used for intentional discipleship opportunities. The best way for campers to internalize the Bible teaching is for them to be exposed to repetitive, creative inputs of the message throughout the entire day. This includes during formal teaching time, as well as informal time walking from one activity to the next.

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.” (Colossians 4:5-6)

Remember that most of your campers do not yet have a relationship with Jesus. How can you make the most of every opportunity today to point them to Jesus?

Here is a list of questions that you can use throughout the day to spark conversation that aligns with today’s Bible teaching:



Walking Questions:

1. When the Bible defines “sin,” it’s often talking about doing, thinking, or saying the opposite of God’s commands. Let’s see how well you all know your opposites! I’m going to say a word, then you have to act out the opposite of that word.
 - a. Example: You say “run,” and the campers walk.
 - b. Use things like: yell, silence, stand, sit, fight, awake, smile, blink, tip-toe, happy
2. Look at the world around you. Do you see anything that is broken?
 - a. Is this camp perfect? Why or why not?
3. What things have you broken that you haven’t been able to fix?
4. What is something you have broken, and then lied about it?
5. What things do you do that get you into trouble?
 - a. What makes you want to do those things?
 - b. What happens when you get caught?
6. What are some things people do that are opposite of God’s commands?
 - a. What are some things you do that are opposite of God’s commands?
7. How can you determine the proper punishment for something?
 - a. If someone hurts you, how can they make things right with you?

WE BROKE IT.

Overview:

The first humans decided to disobey God. They wanted to be in charge. Sin entered the world and God's perfect creation was broken. Since that time, we are all born into sin and have a sin nature. That causes us to say, think and do things that go against God and who He is. Our sin broke our relationship with God, and it separates us from Him. God is perfect and He can't be around sin.

Large Group Notes.....Write down what you're learning!

1. The _____ is now broken because of _____.
2. Every single _____ (except Jesus) has _____.
3. The best response to our sin is _____ and _____.

What questions do you have from today's lesson?

Big Takeaways

What stood out in today's Large Group message?

Bible verses:

1. "Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." (Ephesians 2:9)
2. "The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too." (Genesis 3:6)
3. "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23)
4. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23a)
5. "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts." (1 John 1:8-10)

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

SMALL GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

Small Group Leader instructions:

The tone of today's small group time should be subdued and reflective. Yesterday was about energy, hype, and positivity regarding God's perfect creation. Today downshifts toward sitting in the tension, discomfort, conviction and understanding of sin.

Before kids can fully understand the Good News of Jesus Christ's gift of grace, they must first comprehend the bad news of sin. Sin broke the perfect world that God created and it ought to give us pause (at the very least).

Today's Small Group time is intended to get the campers thinking about the impacts of their sin. Yesterday had a lot of exercises and activities. Today will be far more conversational and perhaps even quiet.

Today's schedule allows you to truly carve out time and space for kids to respond to the teaching. Do not be in a rush to move to the next "fun" activity. This Small Group discussion might be painful, difficult, and uncomfortable. Don't give in to the temptation to flee from that discomfort.

Giving kids a chance to sit in the reality of the brokenness of this world will prepare them to better understand tomorrow's message of grace, hope, freedom, and restoration found in Jesus.

Remember, the goal of Small Group is not *completion*, it's *discipleship*. The following content is merely a tool to foster conversation and there is flexibility in how and when it is completed. Use the Small Group questions and exercises below during the 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Small Group times. You can also direct campers to reflect on this content during any other down time throughout their day.

To model active engagement with today's content, make sure you're filling out the prompts and answering the questions for yourself, as well!

Small Group content for 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

1. **REFLECT:** Today's message was heavy, uncomfortable, and difficult to hear. Take 5-10 minutes to write down your thoughts and questions in your camper guide. (Encourage absolute silence as campers reflect on today's message)
2. **ASK:** What stood out to you in today's message?
3. **ASK:** What questions do you have from today's lesson?
4. **DISCUSS:** Today's message mentioned that sin broke 4 key relationships we have.
 - a. What are examples of brokenness between you and God?
 - b. What are examples of brokenness between you and others?
 - c. What are examples of brokenness between you and the world?
 - d. What are examples of brokenness within yourself?
5. **READ:** Romans 3:23. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read this verse aloud. Either read it from a Bible or from the Large Group notes in the camper guide.
6. **ASK:** What words stand out to you in this verse?
 - a. Do you really think it's true that everyone sins? Even grown-ups? Even your heroes?
 - b. Do you think that some sins are "major" while other sins are "minor"? Give me some examples.
7. **READ:** Romans 6:23a. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read this verse aloud. Either read it from a Bible or from the Large Group notes in the camper guide.

8. **ASK:** Do you think that all sins should be punished equally?
9. **READ:** 1 John 1:8-10. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read this verse aloud. Either read it from a Bible or from the Large Group notes in the camper guide.
10. **ASK:** When we recognize that we have sinned, what does God's Word recommend we do about it?
11. Complete the written prayer prompts in the camper guides. Allow campers 5-10 minutes to complete these prompts on their own.
 - a. **SAY:** Take some time on your own to fill out the three prompts in your camper guides. You'll see space to finish three different sentences: "Hey God, I am sorry for...", "Hey God, in effort to repent, I will...", and "Hey God, please help me..."
 - b. **SHARE:** If appropriate, give campers the opportunity to share what they've written. Campers might not want to share anything due to the personal nature of what they are processing, and that's completely okay. Sharing is very optional during this exercise.
12. **PRAY:** At the end of each Small Group time, take time to ask for prayer requests and pray together. You can either lead the prayer or allow campers the opportunity to pray for one another.

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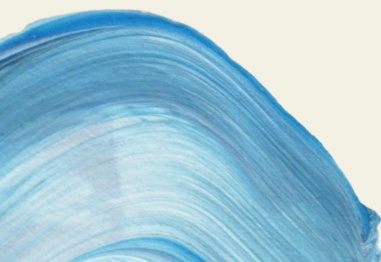
MAKE A DIFFERENCE TIME

Did you know that God has created you to make a difference? God has given you talents and gifts that He wants you to use to encourage and help others. When we follow Jesus, we want to live like He did. Jesus lived His life serving others and sharing God's love with them. We can find ways to serve others too, whether that's at home, at school, in our community, or around the world. No matter your age, look for ways that you can share God's love through serving.

While you're at camp, you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of kids living in Indianapolis. Through a partnership with Lifeline Christian Mission, you'll help package meals for kids just like you who don't always have food to eat. These meals will be given to two organizations serving children in Indianapolis, Brookside CDC and Shepherd Community Center. What you are doing is more than just packing a meal. It's a way to share God's love through meeting a physical need.

What did you learn about how our church makes a difference in the world and in our city?

In what ways can God use you to make a difference in the world and in our city?



Small Group Leader Instructions:

You will perform an experiment using a bowl, water, dish soap, and pepper to illustrate the idea that God is completely separate from sin. After the experiment, each camper will have a chance to write a sin on a rock and throw it in the water as a means of repentance.

SAY: Today we've been learning about sin. The first humans decided to disobey God. They wanted to be in charge. Sin entered the world and God's perfect creation was broken. Since that time, we are all born into sin and have a sin nature. That causes us to say, think and do things that go against God and who He is. Our sin broke our relationship with God, and it separates us from Him. God is perfect and He can't be around sin.

God has always existed and is completely perfect. He created the universe and everything in it. God created humans and everything in the world was perfect. When sin entered the world, God's perfect creation was broken. This bowl of water is going to be like the world. (Show the nice, clean bowl of water to the campers). I have some pepper here today that is going to represent sin. (Sprinkle a little bit of pepper into every camper's hands). Every one of us has sinned. And we will all sin again, no matter how hard we try not to. (Instruct the campers to throw their pepper into the water). What was once a perfect creation is now very broken and isn't how God intended it. Our sin broke our relationship with God, and it separates us from Him. God is always perfect. Everything about God is perfect. God has never sinned and He never will sin. Because of who God is, He can't be around sin. My finger represents God. (Dip your finger into the liquid dish soap and dab your finger into the bowl of water. The pepper should scatter to the outside of the bowl). You can see how God and sin are completely separated. God's character is the opposite of sin. God is wonderful, perfect, lovely, kind, caring, good, and so much more! Sin, on the other hand, is dangerous, hurtful, unkind, damaging, mean, and so much more.

Let's take a moment to read again, in God's Word, how sin is described, the damage it causes, and how we are to respond to sin:

- "The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too." (Genesis 3:6)
- "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23)
- "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23a)
- "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts." (1 John 1:8-10)

The best response to our sin is confession and repentance.

Confession is when we talk to God and admit the wrong things that we say, think, and do that go against God. God already knows everything we've done and it's important to confess so that we aren't hiding anything. We can ask God to forgive us, and He always will...no matter what.

Repent is a fancy word for saying you're sorry. It's telling God you're going to stop doing the wrong things and start doing what He says is right.

We will take some time now to confess and repent from our sins. Take some of these rocks and write your sins on the rock. Then find a quiet spot by the water and pray to God admitting what you've done and asking Him to forgive you. Once you do that, throw the rock in the water. This means you're going to try your best to leave that sin behind and live the way God intended you to. It's important to understand that repentance never stops. Even if you continue to sin in a certain way, you can continue to confess and repent. God will forgive you every time.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 | 8:30 P.M. SMALL GROUP

8:30 p.m. Small Group

Continue activities and discussion from 11:30 a.m. Small Group time.

9:00 p.m. Campfire

All campfires take place directly outside your bunk areas. The Traders Point Kids staff will facilitate all the fire-making responsibilities.

The campfire time will begin with all Small Groups sitting around a fire together. We'll sing some funny songs, some worship songs, and maybe even have a Small Group Leader share their testimony with everyone.

At that time, Small Groups will have a chance to break out into a small group for conversation and prayer.

READ: Ephesians 2:8-10.

- 2:8 "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."
- 2:9 "Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."
- 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

SAY: Learning and talking about our sin can be very hard to do. The good news is that God loves us no matter what and will always be with us to help. No matter how big our sin is or how often we do it, if we put our faith in Jesus, God will forgive our sins every single time. We are going to take some time right now to pray to God about our sin. I'd like each of you to spread out and individually find a quiet spot to yourself nearby. Remember that when we pray, God hears exactly what we are saying. Take some time to confess your sins to God and ask him for forgiveness. Also ask him to give you the strength to run away from sin and toward God.

Use the remaining time to allow campers to share their favorite stories/moments from their day. Encourage them to write down a few thoughts in their camper guides.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

• **WHAT DID JESUS
DO FOR ME?**

God Made It | We Broke It | *Jesus Fixed It* | *We Receive It*

“GOD SAVED YOU BY
HIS GRACE WHEN YOU
BELIEVED. AND YOU
CAN'T TAKE CREDIT
FOR THIS; IT IS A GIFT
FROM GOD.”

(EPHESIANS 2:8)

DAILY SCHEDULE

Grades 2-3

7:15AM

Wake Up

8:00AM

Breakfast (Dining Hall)

8:45AM

Morning Devotional

9:30AM

Activity 1

10:30AM

Large Group
(Dining Hall)

11:30AM

Small Group

12:30PM

Lunch

1:15PM

Rest & Swim Prep

2:00PM

Activity 2

Grades 4-5

7:15AM

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Make A Difference Project
(Turning Point Lodge)



Grades 2-3

3:00PM

Snacks (Dining Hall)

4:00PM

Activity 3

5:00PM

Dinner (Dining Hall)

5:45PM

Activity 4

6:30PM

Small Group Activity
(Joey's Field)

7:30PM

Evening Worship
(Amphitheatre)

8:30PM

Small Group

9:00PM

Campfire (Cabins)

9:45PM

Get ready for bed

10:00PM

Lights out

Grades 4-5

3:30PM

Activity 2

4:30PM

Snacks (Dining Hall)

5:00PM

Activity 3

5:45PM

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(Joey's Field)

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Get ready for bed

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Lights out

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 | MORNING DEVOTIONAL

SMALL GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

The morning devotional sets the tone and baseline for the day's teaching content. During this time, encourage each camper to read through the devotional in the Camper Guides and allow space/time for the campers to respond to the question prompts that follow.

With each devotional time, you have the freedom to either read it together as a Small Group, or encourage the kids to spend some time alone, connecting with God and reflecting on the content. You can either re-group and discuss the content of the devotional or allow campers time to reflect on their own.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

MORNING DEVOTIONAL

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.”
(Romans 10:9-10)

As our culture changes, so does our language. We still speak English, but new words are added to the dictionary every year to keep up with our changing culture. For example, the term “selfie” was added to the online Oxford dictionary in 2013 after it became a common way to describe taking a picture of oneself.

Inventing words for a changing culture isn't new. It happened in the Bible too!

We use the word love for different things: our mom and dad, a friend, pizza, and a certain song. But those are very different kinds of love. The Bible was first written in Greek, and there are several Greek words for “love.” One describes friendship and another is for romance. But John used a different Greek word for the love of God that forever changed its definition. The word is agape, and it describes God's unconditional and undeserved love.



It will never end, and there is nothing we can do to earn it. God changed the culture of love so much that the language of the day had to change to keep up.

Not only does God love us with undeserved love, but he wants us to demonstrate this kind of love to others as well. Loving others can be easy when people are acting lovely. But God doesn't want us to love people just when it's easy. He wants us to love with an agape kind of love even when it's hard.

What thoughts, ideas, and questions come to mind when you read these verses?

What is the greatest gift you've ever received? Why did that gift mean so much to you?

Make the Most of It.

Every single moment of Kids Camp can be used for intentional discipleship opportunities. The best way for campers to internalize the Bible teaching is for them to be exposed to repetitive, creative inputs of the message throughout the entire day. This includes during formal teaching time, as well as informal time walking from one activity to the next.

*“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”
(Colossians 4:5-6)*

Remember that most of your campers do not yet have a relationship with Jesus. How can you make the most of every opportunity today to point them to Jesus?

Walking Questions:

Here is a list of questions that you can use throughout the day to spark conversation that aligns with today's Bible teaching:



1. Encourage kids to partner up. Have one kid walk with their eyes closed. Their partner should use instructions to guide the other in order to “save” the other from harm.
 - a. For those with their eyes closed: Were you able to guide yourself? Why did you need someone else to save you from harm?
 - b. Allow partners to swap and take turns so everyone gets a chance to walk with their eyes closed.

2. What is the best gift you’ve ever received?
 - a. What made that gift so special?

3. What’s the biggest mess you’ve ever had to clean up?

4. What types of people save others in their job? (examples: nurses, doctors, policemen)

5. Have you ever been saved from something? Why couldn’t you save yourself in that instance? (examples: being lost, choking)

6. Who is your closest human relationship? What makes your relationship with that friend or family member so close and meaningful?

7. Can you think of anyone who is great at showing “gratitude”?
 - a. Why do you think they say “thank you” so often? (they might have a deep understanding of the good gifts they’ve received)

JESUS FIXED IT.

Overview:

The punishment we deserve for our sin is death and separation from God forever. But God loves all people infinitely and desires to be in relationship with everyone. God the Son (Jesus) came to Earth and lived as a human being, while remaining God. He lived a perfect life. Jesus willingly chose to die on a cross in order to pay the price for our sin. Because Jesus did that, He fixed our broken relationship with God. Three days after His death, Jesus came back to life! Because Jesus took the punishment for our sins, we are no longer separated from God.

WE RECEIVE IT.

Overview:

Grace is “giving someone something they don’t deserve” and Jesus offers His free gift of grace to every single person. This gift of grace means that He has forgiven us of our sin and taken the punishment we deserve. People have the choice to receive this gift from Jesus. There’s nothing we can do to earn it. When someone believes in Jesus and chooses to follow Him forever, he/she becomes a Christian and enters into the family of God. He/she will now spend eternity with God in heaven. As a Christian, you will continue to sin. However, as you continue to grow closer to Jesus, you will act more like Him.

Large Group Notes...Write down what you're learning!

1. Grace is _____ what you don't _____.
2. Jesus _____ so that you can _____.
3. You can have a relationship with Jesus by accepting His gift of _____ and by making Him _____ of your life.
4. _____ is how we tell everyone that we have made Jesus the _____ of our life.

What questions do you have from today's lesson?

Big Takeaways | What stood out in today's Large Group message?

Bible Verses:

1. “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
2. “When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though some one might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.” (Romans 5:6-11)
3. “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

4. “Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” (Romans 6:1-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 | 11:30 A.M. SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

Small Group Leader instructions:

The tone of today's small group time should be hopeful and grateful. Monday was about energy, hype, and positivity regarding God's perfect creation. Yesterday downshifted toward sitting in the tension, discomfort, conviction and understanding of sin. Today embraces the hope of the Good News of Jesus Christ, celebrating that we are saved, freed, forgiven, and restored.

Yesterday's teaching theme of sin sure was a bummer. In fact, the brokenness that resulted from the sin is literally the worst thing to have ever happened in the world. Luckily, that's not the end of the story. Not...at...all.

Today we celebrate the greatest news of all time: Jesus overcoming sin and death once and for all! With hearts of gratitude and response, we will focus directly on Jesus Christ. We will also learn the biblical response to the Gospel: making Jesus the Savior and Lord of your life and going "all in" with baptism.

Kids will learn more from your example than your opinion. Make sure they see the joy and hope in your heart, thankful for what Jesus has done for you.

Remember, the goal of Small Group is not completion, it's discipleship. The following content is merely a tool to foster conversation and there is flexibility in how and when it is completed. Use the Small Group questions and exercises below during the 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Small Group times. You can also direct campers to reflect on this content during any other down time throughout their day.

To model active engagement with today's content, make sure you're filling out the prompts and answering the questions for yourself, as well!

Small Group content for 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

The camper guides include an example prayer of how a child could pray to accept the gift of salvation. This is a reference for the child if they ask about it. We don't want to force or even suggest that anyone pray this prayer unless it is motivated from within their own hearts.

If any child chooses to receive Jesus' gift of grace, celebrate with that child and pray for him/her. As soon as you get a chance, inform a Traders Point Kids staff member, so that they can begin intentionally and strategically following up with that child's parent(s).

1. **REFLECT:** Today's message was hopeful, amazing, and literally the greatest and most important news of all time. Take 5-10 minutes to write down your thoughts and questions in your camper guide.
2. **ASK:** What stood out to you in today's message?
3. **ASK:** What questions do you have from today's lesson?
4. **READ:** Ephesians 2:8. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read this verse aloud. Either read it from a Bible or from the Large Group notes in the camper guide.
5. **ASK:** Did you catch that there is a difference between mercy and grace? Can anyone explain the difference between the two? (mercy is not getting what you deserve; grace is getting what you don't deserve)
 - a. When did someone show you mercy?
 - b. When has another person shown you grace?
 - c. Which one do you think is better: mercy or grace?
6. **READ:** Romans 5:6-11. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read this verse aloud.

Small Group content for 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

7. **ASK:** Can someone try to restate those Bible verses in their own words? (give many campers a chance to re-state this passage)
 - a. Why do you think Jesus chose to die for sinners?
 - b. Do you think this Bible passage describes mercy or grace?
8. **DISCUSS:** In today's teaching, we learned that anyone can have a relationship with Jesus by accepting His gift of grace and making Him Lord of your life. Another way of putting this, is you can make the decision to B.A.R.F.
B = Believe. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
A = Accept. What does it mean to accept the gift Jesus offers?
R = Repent. What does it mean to repent?
F = Follow. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
9. **READ:** Romans 6:1-4. Encourage someone in your Small Group to read this verse aloud. Either read it from a Bible or from the Large Group notes in the camper guide.
10. **DISCUSS:** We learned that baptism is the way you can tell everyone that you have made Jesus the Lord of your life. What questions and thoughts do you have on baptism?
11. **PRAY:** At the end of each Small Group time, take time to ask for prayer requests and pray together. You can either lead the prayer or allow campers the opportunity to pray for one another.

How can I accept the gift of grace from Jesus and make Him the Lord of my life?

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

Choosing to follow Jesus is literally the biggest decision you’ll ever consider making in your entire life. If you are ready to accept Jesus’ gift of grace and want to make Jesus the Lord of your life, you can simply invite God into your life through prayer. Here’s an example of what you might tell God:

“Hey God. I know that you created this world and everything in it. You created me and you love me more than I’ll ever know. I also know that I have chosen to sin, which separated me from you. I don’t want to be separated from your love anymore. Today, I confess and repent of my sin and I choose to follow you. I know I won’t be perfect from here on out, but I want to try my best to follow you and do as your Word teaches for the rest of my life. Today I accept Jesus’ gift of grace and I accept Him as my Lord and Savior. I love you, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 | SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

6:30 p.m. Small Group Activity:

Head to Joey's Field for a time of joyful celebration. Get ready...this is going to be a BLAST!!!

8:30 p.m. Small Group:

Continue activities and discussion from 11:30 a.m. Small Group time.

9:00 p.m. Campfire:

READ: Ephesians 2:8-10.

- 2:8 "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."
- 2:9 "Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."
- 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

9:00 p.m. Campfire:

SAY: God gave us the best gift in the entire world when He gave us Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can live with God forever in heaven! Because of Jesus, we get to live the life we were meant to live while we are still here on Earth. Let's take some time to pray as a Small Group, thanking Jesus for what He has done for us. We're going to all pray together, out loud, and you can pray as many times as you'd like. We'll take turns praying, one person after the other, but in no particular order.

Let's pray together using the P.R.A.Y. acronym. Each of those letters stands for something you can say to God.

- **P = Praise.** Praise God by telling Him how awesome He is, and thank Him for different things in your life. (allow campers to pray a prayer of praise, out loud, one after another, as they feel led)
- **R = Repent.** Repent is a fancy word for saying you're sorry. It's telling God you're going to stop doing the wrong things and start doing what He says is right. (allow campers to pray a prayer of repentance, out loud, one after another, as they feel led)
- **A = Ask.** Ask God for whatever you want and need! (allow campers to pray a prayer of supplication, out loud, one after another, as they feel led)
- **Y = Yes.** Say yes to God and whatever He says is best, even if it's not what you want. (allow campers to pray a prayer of empowerment, out loud, one after another, as they feel led)

Use the remaining time to allow campers to share their favorite stories/moments from their day. Encourage them to write down a few thoughts in their camper guides.



THURSDAY, JUNE 8

**HOW CAN I HAVE A
RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS?**

God Made It | We Broke It | *Jesus Fixed It* | *We Receive It*

“GOD SAVED YOU BY
HIS GRACE WHEN YOU
BELIEVED. AND YOU
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FOR THIS; IT IS A GIFT
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(EPHESIANS 2:8)



THURSDAY, JUNE 8

DAILY SCHEDULE

Grades 2-3

7:15AM

Wake Up

8:00AM

Breakfast (Dining Hall)

8:45AM

Cabin Clean Up & Pack

9:30AM

Board Buses

10:00AM

Buses Depart SpringHill

11:30AM

Return to TPCC
(Northwest campus)

12:00PM

Parent Presentation
(TPCC Northwest Auditorium)

12:30PM

Child Pick Up

Grades 4-5

7:15AM

Wake Up

8:00AM

Cabin Clean Up & Pack

8:45AM

Breakfast (Dining Hall)

9:30AM

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10:00AM

Buses Depart SpringHill

11:30AM

Return to TPCC
(Northwest campus)

12:00PM

Parent Presentation
(TPCC Northwest Auditorium)

12:30 PM

Child Pick Up

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 | SMALL GROUP

Today is a travel day, so there will not be any formal Large Group or Small Group time. The tone of today should be joyful, fun, and reflective as we celebrate God and the new relationships that formed over the week. Enjoy your last day with your campers and be present with them as they reflect on an amazing week of camp.

Small Group Notes:

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