

## Cabin Devotions

### **Day One: Wahabu**

*meaning: God of love*

*pronounced: "wa-ha-boo" with the accent on the second syllable*

Reflect on today using the following questions:

How is God's love a part of your everyday life?

How is a community important in your understanding of God's love?

What happens in your life when you try to live without God?

End the day with a prayer or song.

### ***Cabin project for the week***

Tonight after your devotion introduce a secret project that your cabin is responsible for this week. On Day Five, there will be a special Festival of Good Wishes. Your group must come up with an activity (*heri* project) to send off your the other campers with good wishes. It is limited only by your imagination (and your camp budget, of course). It's hard to think about saying goodbye when camp is just starting, but take some time to plan something special this week. You have tonight and the next three nights to plan your activity. Camp directors should set a general maximum time guideline based on how many cabin groups there are, for example, up to five minutes, or up to ten minutes. Also, consider scheduling approximately twenty minutes of cabin time during the day for planning. Here are some possibilities:

Sing farewell songs.

Do an interpretive dance about leaving camp.

Create a blessing ritual or chant.

Create a skit about the week.

Facilitate a group hug.

Make a special token to give everyone in ceremony fashion.

Share farewell poetry.

Create a "What Camp Has Meant to Our Cabin" mural to show.

Build a wishing well and have everyone make wishes for their lives back home.

### **Day Two: Umoja**

*meaning: unity, harmony*

*pronounced: "oo-mo-jah" with the accent on the second syllable*

Reflect on today using the following questions:

How do you maintain unity with your friends and family?

Have you ever been the victim of or witnessed discrimination or exclusion?

How can you structure your relationships to be Inclusive of others you meet?

End the day with a prayer or song, then work on your festival project.

### **Day Three: Jamii**

*meaning: one family*

*pronounced: "jah-mee" with the accent on the first syllable*

Reflect on today using the following questions:

How can you help your family focus on Jesus?

Would it change the way you act toward others if you think of them as part of the family of God?

Why is it so hard to reach out to people who are hurting or excluded?

End the day with a prayer or song, than work on your festival project.

***Day Four: Uzima***

*meaning: health, life, wholeness*

*pronounced: "oo-zee-mah" with the accents on the second syllable*

Reflect on today using the following questions:

How do commercials influence us to eat too much junk food or fast food that is not good for us?

What do you need to change in your life in order to be more healthy in body, mind, and spirit?

Do you worry about the health of our planet? How can we help it be more healthy?

End the day with a prayer or song, and then finish your festival project.

***Day Five: Heri***

*meaning: good wishes, goodwill, blessings*

*pronounced: heh-ree, rolling the "r" sound, as in Spanish, with the accent on the first syllable*

Reflect on today using the following questions:

How do you feel about camp ending?

How have you been blessed this week?

If you could have one wish for your life when you get home, what would it be?

End the day with a prayer or song.