

Night 1: Welcome

1. Welcome all campers in cabin one more time.
2. Review the day's activities, and find out if anyone has questions about the next day's activities.
3. Explain that as a closing for the each day, they will be meeting together. During this time, they will work together to build a growing worship center that reflects the themes and experiences of each day.
4. To begin the worship center, give each camper a building block, large Lego, large foam block, or other stackable item. Ask them to creatively decorate their block. Their design must include their name.
5. As they work, give each person opportunity to share a little about themselves. (Start by telling the campers a little bit about you.)
6. As blocks are finished, let campers put them together in a unique formation. How they stack these blocks may change each night.
7. In preparation for tomorrows activities, ask a camper to read Psalm 100 NRSV adapted.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the LORD, God, is the one who made us. We are God's people. God is our shepherd. Enter with thanksgiving. Give praise and thanks to God. Bless the name of the LORD. God's steadfast love endures forever and is faithful to all generations.

8. Pray for the upcoming week of camp, the campers, and the camp leaders.

Cabin Devotions

These devotions are designed to be used in the small group setting of cabins. Devotions provide opportunity for campers to process their day in the safety and comfort of their small group. They also serve as a winding-down activity. If some actually fall asleep before devotions, do not wake them up, getting them ready to sleep is part of the goal!

Each night's thoughts are centered around the senses, a God-given gift that usually we take for granted. While this is a wonderful way to reflect on the day and the things they have learned about God, it also could potentially lead to a few silly responses and moments. To help keep campers focused, begin each night by sharing some of your own ideas. If you set the model, they will be more likely to follow.



Night 2: Creator of Awesome

1. Early this day ask campers to find one thing to bring to tonight's worship that expresses for them the awesomeness of God's creation.
2. Gather the campers together, taking time to review and process the day's activities.
3. Ask campers to share their symbol of God's awesome creation. As they finish, let campers add their item to the worship center.
4. In preparation for tomorrow's activities, ask a camper to read Psalm 139:1-3, 14 NRSV.

*O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, and
are acquainted with all my ways. . . .
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made.*

5. Share prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the Creator, God.

Night 3: The God in You and Me

1. As campers gather for tonight's devotion, give each person a small amount of modeling clay.
2. Ask them to create a "sculpture" that represents how they see the light of God reflected in themselves.
3. As they work, review and process the day's activities.
4. Let campers show and explain their creation, and then add it to the worship center.
5. Before moving on to the next camper, ask the other campers to reveal ways they see God shining through this person. It is the counselor's responsibility to make sure every camper is given positive reinforcement through this activity.
6. In preparation for tomorrow's activities, ask a camper to read Proverbs 2:6 NRSV adapted.

*For the LORD gives wisdom; from God's mouth
come knowledge and understanding.*

7. Pray for the cabin group and the friendships they will make this week.

Night 4: In Search of Wisdom

1. As campers gather for tonight's devotion, review and process the day's activities.
2. Give each person a small tea-light candle. Place a large, stable candle on the worship center table.
3. Carefully light the larger candle. As you do so, say: "The light of this candle is a symbol of light and wisdom that comes from God."
4. Ask each camper to carefully light their tea candle, and set it on the worship center table. As they do so, have them say the words, "We want to know the light and wisdom of God."
5. As the candles burn, spend a few moments in silence.
6. In preparation for tomorrow's activities, ask a camper to read Matthew 22:36–39 NRSV.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

7. Pray for those around the world who are struggling to survive. Pray for personal wisdom and the wisdom of our church and world leaders so that we might be able to help those who are hungry, jobless, at war, sick, shunned, and homeless.
8. Be sure to blow out candles as soon as devotions are over. No matter how "cool" it might seem, do NOT go to bed with candles still burning!

Night 5: Grounded in Love

1. As campers gather for tonight's devotion, give each person six tissues or sheets of tissue paper and a chenille stem. Guide campers through the steps needed to create a tissue flower.
 - stack tissue, one on top of the other
 - fold stack of tissue into 1/2 inch folds, back and forth accordion style
 - wrap the chenille stem tightly around the middle
 - carefully pull sides of tissue apart to create a flower
2. As they work on their flowers, review and process the day's activities.
3. As each person holds their flower, compare the flowers to love. Like a flower, love is a beautiful thing whenever someone gives or receives it. However, when we place the flowers together, their power of their beauty is magnified. Like a bouquet, when the community of Christ comes together in love for others, the impact is equally magnified. We are called by God to share our love in community. Place the flower bouquet in the worship center.
4. In preparation for tomorrow's activities, ask a camper to read Colossians 3:14 NRSV.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
5. Pray for loved ones, family, and friends.

Notes

Night 6: Back on the Bike

1. As campers gather for devotions, process and review the day's activities.
2. Give each person a piece of stationery, a pencil, and an envelope. Ask campers to write a letter from *God to them*. What do they need to do when they get home? What has God helped them discover this week about themselves, their life, and their calling? How is God calling them to grow and serve?
3. As they finish their letter, ask them to seal the letter in the envelope, and place it in the basket on the worship center table. If they wish to take the letter home tomorrow, they should write their name on the outside of the sealed envelope.
4. If music and a CD player is available, play music softly while campers work on their letter.
5. In preparation for tomorrow, ask a camper to read Colossians 3:12 NRSV.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

6. Pray for each person as their journey of a disciple of Christ takes them home and back to the busy chaos of their daily life and the many opportunities for witness that are ahead.