

WORSHIP IDEAS

Skits and Dramas

Scripture stories and theme lessons are ideal for skits and dramas. They can be narrated and acted out to the camp. Let the campers use their own dialogue. Memorization of long plays discourage campers because they are afraid of making mistakes. Encourage to use the language that is natural for them. Enhance 'this learning experience by using simple costumes from towels or fabric remnants. A variety of hats add a great deal to the activity. Choose the stories before camp and make a list of props needed to each story or activity.

Stained Glass Pictures

Stained glass chips are used to create a worship picture. The picture is started by placing a chip in the center on the clear glass of a picture form. Each chip represents a camper and their place in Christ's Kingdom. Let each camper glue their chip onto the clear picture form, Use clear glue. As each piece of colored glass is added, a picture will emerge.

Jesus on the Campgrounds

Dress a staff member in a white robe. Before the closing of the service (or campfire), have the person appear in the distance. The campers will not be able to see the person's face, but the image. During a period of meditation, play background music. The person will move slowly, kneel, and pray. Following the prayer, the person walk until he or she is out of sight. It is best to do this activity at night. Use a single flood light shining in the area the person walks.

Slides

Slides depicting nature, people of all ages and ethnic background, family activity, weather, are selected to fit the theme. Play appropriate background music to create a worshipful atmosphere. The campers are always touched with laughter, peace, love, and joy when they see slides of themselves and their friends and family. Use slides from previous camps as a historical account of your campers. They will love it!

Scriptures

Read scriptures. There are many Bible versions available in Christian bookstores. Ask the campers to read slowly and clearly when they read before a large group. Have the campers practice reading the scriptures.

Music

There are many junior high campers learning to play musical instruments. Encourage campers to bring their instruments to camp. Know your kids! Solos, duets, quartets, and camp choirs always provide a great addition to worship and provide an opportunity for the campers to use their talents. There many excellent Christian music selections available at music stores. Do not be afraid to use them. There are some that include the music accompaniment to popular Christian songs. The campers will enjoy singing along with the tapes.

Worship Centers

Worship centers that focus on the daily theme allows the campers to focus their thoughts.

Prayer and Testimonies

One does not always go with the other. Many junior high campers are willing to give a prayer, but not a testimony. Do not force the issue. Give campers ample preparation for a prayer or testimony. At the closing service, two campers may stand together to bear their testimony. However, one may speak and the other will be standing to support his/her friend. Circle prayers include everyone and allow shy campers the opportunity to share a prayer with their friends. Encourage sentence-long prayers. Let the campers feel comfortable in this spiritual discipline. Begin a sentence and ask the campers to finish it. For example, during cabin devotions, use the following beginning:

“I searched for Christ and discovered that...”