

Camp Helps

Beyond the Horizon

Te E'a 0 Te Hau,

the

Path of Peace

Introduction to Camp Helps

This camp theme looks beyond the borders of North America to hear, see, feel and live the Restoration story in a new way. We will go to the Pacific and cross the equator into the southern hemisphere to the islands of French Polynesia.

The first missionaries landed in French Polynesia on April 30, 1844. The spread of the Restoration in French Polynesia is every bit as full of political intrigue, bravery, persecution, spiritual blessings and miracles as was experienced in North America. Throughout this resource, we will listen to the music of the Tahitian people, see some of the majesty of the islands, learn some of their culture, and gain a new perspective of the unique blessings of community. We continue to heed the call to become a global family and look *Beyond the Horizon; Te E 'a O Te Hau, the Path of Peace*.

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GUIDE TO TE E'A O TE HAU, THE PATH OF PEACE

Camps are encouraged to use this curriculum creatively. Please review it and determine how it can fit your programming goals. Perhaps your morning devotions are held after breakfast or you take great joy in rousing campers early in the morning to get the day started. While theme class is traditionally held in the morning, maybe you live in a hot climate and do your recreation in the cool hours, holding other classes in the heat of the afternoon. For these reason we are not suggesting a sample schedule. Have fun, adjust the schedule to fit your goals.

Te E 'a O Te Hau was written to be adapted developmentally. At some points there are suggestions on how to make it age appropriate. Often that is accomplished by the complexity of questions a small group leader will ask, or how you set up a suggested activity. The older the age group, the more complex the questions and activities. It is believed that this curriculum is appropriate for older juniors through senior high campers.

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If you have suggestions as you begin to work with camp helps, please contact Poul Wilson at (800)825-2806 or email your suggestion to kpwilson@cofchrist.org.

This curriculum features four basic components: **Island Awakenings**, **NetWorks**, **Tiki Tonight!** and **Island Sunset**. Each of these can be found on the website.

1. Island Awakenings: Morning Devotions

Begin each day with the sound of drums calling the campers to morning devotions. Learn the Tahitian version of “Kum ba yah” and watch two explorers each day as they walk Te E’a 0 Te Hau, the Path of Peace. There is something different each day sure to keep campers engaged. Be sure to create your worship setting and have materials each day.

2. NetWorks: Daily Theme Class

The daily theme class contains a number of different elements.

- Sacred Story

Each day during the theme class you will encounter a section called “Sacred Story.” This is a daily Bible study that will focus on the Gospel according to (four days) and the Book of Acts (one day). Each Bible study gives some background and context information concerning the verses. It is hoped that in addition to what is presented here, the theme class teacher will prepare additional studies prior to camp.

- Tales of Tahiti

A brief telling of the founding of the church in French Polynesia in 1844 is part of theme class each day. Tales of Tahiti includes activities and history lessons.

- Journaling Moments

Each day, time is set-aside for campers to spend time reflecting on paper. Most young people enjoy the chance to freely write and/or write to posed questions. Some campers will enjoy drawing and doodling instead of writing. Create an atmosphere that is conducive to journaling. Include soft music such as ocean and sea sounds. If you have a computer and video projector available, utilize the CD Rom images portion and run the slide show.

- Making the Point through Play

Experiential learning is powerful and each day in some form there is an activity that helps drive home the point of NetWorks. There are usually materials that will be needed and some facilitation will be required.

3. Tiki Tonight!

Tiki Tonight! is the evening activity suggestions. Every attempt has been made to tie the activity to the daily theme. All of the activities will require upfront planning in order to pull them off correctly. The last two nights’ activities can lead into campfire with a little creative planning. Remember, these are not intended to be the only way to do evening activities. Rather they are to serve as a springboard for you to be creative and make them fit your age group, geographic location and available resources.

4. Island Sunset

Nightly devotions include an activity to create a net (except the first night). This will be done in the midst of conversation centering on the day’s happenings. This net will be used in the closing worship of camp. Counselors will need to practice this skill before leading it. Counselors, remember this is a time for campers to share with each other and for you to facilitate discussion. When possible, ask campers to take the lead in prayers and scriptures.

Additional Resources

Te E'a 0 Te Hau CD/CD-Rom

This CD features fifteen songs that can be played through any CD player. It also features a number of components that can only be accessed through a computer. These include

- sheet music for the Tahitian version of “Kum ba yah,”
- eleven separate tracks to “Kum ba yah” to assist music instructors,
- slide show of photos from French Polynesia,
- video clips of youth activities and landscape of Tahiti,
- all the songs from the CD portion, and
- connection to the Forefront website.

In the event you do not have access to this resource please contact Poul Wilson at kpwilson@cofchrist.org.

Background Information

The opening night activity allows campers to choose an Island name for their cabin, cabin groups or whatever grouping of campers you may use for the week. Many of the activities call for small groups and this is one way of determining these early. Island groups are then asked to create a flag that represents their island name and group.

Team-Building Resources

Cowstails and Cobras II: A Guide to Games, Initiatives, Ropes Courses, & Adventure Curriculum by Karl Rohnke Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company ISBN: 0-8403-5434-7 ©1989 4050

Funn Stuff Volume 1, by Karl Rohnke Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company ISBN: 0-7872-1633-X ©1996

Funn Stuff Volume 2, by Karl Rohnke ISBN: 0-7872-2316-6 ©1996

Funn Stuff Volume 3, by Karl Rohnke ISBN: 0-7872-4654-9©1998

Silver Bullets: A Guide to Initiative Problems, Adventure Games, & Trust Activities by Karl Rohnke Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company ISBN: 0-8403-5682-X ©1984

Teamwork & Teamplay by Jim Cain & Barry Jolliff Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company ISBN: 0-7872-4532-1 ©1998

Quicksilver: Adventure Games, Initiative Problems, Trust Activities and Effective Leadership by Karl Rohnke and Steve Butler Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company ISBN: 0- 7872-2103-1 ©1995

Child-Friendly Resources

Adventures in Peacemaking: A Conflict Resolution Guide for Early Childhood Providers by William J. Kreidler Educators for Social Responsibility ©1996 & Work/Family Directions (617)492-176423 Garden Street (800) 370-2515 Cambridge, MA 02138

Adventures in Peacemaking: A Conflict Resolution Guide for School-Age Programs by William J. Kreidler & Lisa Furlong Educators for Social Responsibility & Work/Family Directions ©1995

Family Friendly Ideas Your Church Can Do Group Publishing ISBN: 0-7644-2035-6 ©1998 PC Box 481 Loveland, CO 80539

Fifty-Two Fun Family Prayer Adventures: Creative Ways to Pray Together, by Mike & Amy Nappa Augsburg Fortress ISBN: 0-8066-2841 -3 ©1996

Parachute Games, by Todd Strong & Dale LeFevre Human Kinetics ISBN: 0-87322-793-X @1996

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Day One: A Haere mai I Tahatai...Come Ashore

pronouce: Ah Ha-air-ay my-ee E Tah-ah-tah-ee

It's time to celebrate, renew friendships, and make new ones. The occasion of greeting and welcoming is one of great tradition in Tahiti. We find ourselves on the beach, ready to celebrate and prepare for the journey. It is the journey that will take us down Te E'a O Te Hau, the Path of Peace.

Doctrine and Covenants 161: 1b

Acts 2:44-47

Psalm 150

Book of Mormon, Ether 3:13-14

Day Two: Te Tereraa... Journey

pronouce: Tay Tair-air-ah-ah

Today we begin our Journey. We must decide what we take with us and what we leave behind, what is worth holding onto and of what we need to let go. As we lighten our load, we find we are able to go places we otherwise could not. Our Journey will take us to incredible places!

Numbers 33

Doctrine and Covenants 161:7

Mark 6:7-9

Matthew 4:18-22 IV

Day Three: Te ite Matamuara'a... Discover

pronouce: Tay ee-tay Mah-tah-moo-ah-rah-a

Our Journey leads us to a place of discovery: a vista where we can look beyond the horizon and see what possibilities exist. This process will prepare us to look deeper into our lives, but first, enjoy the view!

Matthew 7:7&8

Matthew 5:1-13 IV

Doctrine and Covenants 161: 5a

Day Four: Oraraa Varua a ... Spiritual Quest

pronouce: Or-uh-raw-ah Vah-roo-ah

"Be still and know that I am God." For generations this phrase has been used to call us to recognition of God around us. Today we listen for God in all we do: knocking, asking, and seeking.

Luke 4:1-14

Doctrine and Covenants 161:3d

Matthew 6:5-13 IV

Day Five: Te Amuiraa Taata...a Community

pronouce: Tay Ah-moo-ee-raw-ah Tah-ah-tah

Sacred community is difficult to find. As we spend time together, travel together, struggle, laugh, and cry together, we find community. Today we focus on what it means to become the Community of Christ.

I Corinthians 12:12&13

Doctrine and Covenants 161: 3a-c

Acts 2:44-47 IV

Day Six: Te Taviniraa. . . Sharing

pronouce: Tay Tah-veen-ee-raw-ah

We are called to go to the world, to invite all to share in the blessings of community, and to seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion. We live out this great call in the places we call home, where we go to school, and where we work and play.

Doctrine and Covenants 161: 3a, 4b, 6b

Matthew 28:19-20 IV