

12 BIBLE SESSIONS / GRADES 1ST-6TH

SUMMER CAMP 2

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Food Fight
Water Balloon Mania
Super Sloppy Slopstick Course
Nature Hike
Slime Time Live
Chocolate Syrup Tug of War
Surf's Up
Swimsuit Sweepstakes
Junk Food Jackpot
Karaoke Contest
Messy Monster Volleyball
Outdoor BBQ

SUMMER CAMP 2 THEME CHART

WEEK	THEME	FOCUS	SCRIPTURE
1	Food Fight	Be thankful!	1 Timothy 6:8
2	Water Balloon Mania	Cheer for others!	Romans 12:15
3	Super Sloppy Slopsticle Course	Be clean inside and out!	1 Samuel 16:7
4	Nature Hike	Set your eyes on Jesus!	2 Corinthians 4:18
5	Slime Time Live	Be ready for Jesus to return!	Matthew 25:13
6	Chocolate Syrup Tug-O-War	Be strong in the Lord!	Colossians 1:11
7	Surf's Up	Be baptized!	Matthew 28:19
8	Swimsuit Sweepstakes	Hold on to what is valuable!	Matthew 16:26
9	Junk Food Jackpot	Resist temptation!	Matthew 26:41
10	Karaoke Contest	Sing to the Lord!	Exodus 15:1
11	Messy Monster Volleyball	Serve the Lord enthusiastically!	Romans 12:11
12	Outdoor BBQ	Read God's Word and do what it says!	Psalms 119:9

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1 FOOD FIGHT

SESSION 1 OVERVIEW

FOCUS: Be Thankful!

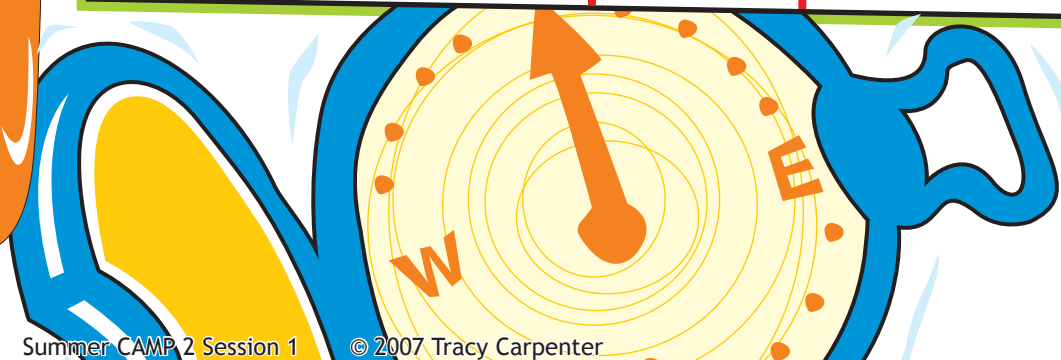
SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 6:8
"If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND:

Paul had appointed Timothy to minister in the Asian city of Ephesus, one of the most influential cities of that day and the location of the great temple of Diana, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World. This wealthy city had coins proudly inscribed with the words "temple-warden." In the passage from which today's Scripture verse is taken, Paul urges the Christians to whom Timothy ministers not to get sidetracked by chasing after the wealth available in this city, but rather to focus on eternal things. Having their simple needs, such as food and clothing, should be enough. "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (6:6).

↑ 8 AT A GLANCE

CAMP ACTIVITY	TIME	FROM PLANNING SHEET
Before CAMP	45-60 min	CAMP Briefing Set Up CAMP
Lining Up for CAMP	15-30 min	Here They Come (begins during Set Up)
CAMP Large— Group Time	25-35 min	CAMP Introduction CAMP Songs CAMP Bible Memory: 1 Timothy 6:8 CAMP Challenge: Food Loop
CAMP Rotations	30-40 min	#1 Recreation: Food Fight #2 Mess Hall: Craft, Game, or Snack
Winding Down CAMP	10-15 min	Back at the Lodge (small groups) CAMP Closing
After CAMP	30-40 min	Break Down CAMP CAMP Store





8 PLANNING SHEET

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

“If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.”

Focus: Be Thankful!

CAMP Briefing	All counselors must be present one hour prior to Check-in for assignments and general information.
Set Up CAMP	Counselors set up CAMP in their assigned teams.
Here They Come	Line activities: silly string Prize: Each kid who wears a CAMP T-shirt receives a small piece of candy or sticker at the door.
CAMP Introduction	Counselors welcome audience and throw out a few prizes. Prizes: 3 T-shirts, 5 big candies (fun dips)
CAMP Songs	Worship and pray in large-group time. Choose 2 songs from the Tech Chart.
CAMP Bible Memory	Memory verse: 1 Timothy 6:8 “So if we have enough food and clothing, we will be content with that.” Prize: cooked spaghetti
CAMP Challenge	Food Loop Prize: Fruit Loops
Recreation (Rotation #1)	Food Fight
Mess Hall (Rotation #2)	Craft: Cereal Crosses, or Game: Bread Run Relay, or Snack: Breadsticks Prize: Candy Can
Back at the Lodge	Small Groups
CAMP Closing	Wrap up, make announcements, and pray.
Break Down CAMP	Clean up.
CAMP Store	fast food Optional: CAMP T-shirts for kids, fun candy



8 CAMP SUPPLY LIST

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

See the Resource List for details/purchasing information for materials.

Stage, Security, Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*rope for line*caution tape or cones*signs*inkpad*numbered stamp*yellow T-shirts for visitors*large trash can*megaphone*worship T-shirts*candy or tickets for kids wearing T-shirts*stage banner*colorful, inflatable summer toys*hula hoops*beach towels*big cooler*container for hidden prize*beach umbrella (or colorful large umbrella)*colorful beach or lounge chair*30-gallon trash can for Candy Can
Here They Come	<ul style="list-style-type: none">orange stickerssilly string
CAMP Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*confetti cannon (bright-colored confetti)3 CAMP T-shirts5 large candies (fun dips)
CAMP Songs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*music/tech supplies
CAMP Bible Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">40" x 60" foam core or wooden board with verse written on itlarge marker4-5 different colored permanent markerscooked spaghetti
CAMP Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 bin (per team)1 hula hoop (per team)3 boxes of Fruit Loops (per team)

1 : CAMP SUPPLY LIST CONTINUED

<p>Recreation (Rotation #1)</p>	<p>ponchos (medium-sized trash bags) for every kid that can get messy 10-15 index cards or poster boards for questions true/false statements (pp. 16, 17) megaphone whistle</p> <p>Food Fight/Messy: paper cups dry foods such as instant mashed potatoes, sugar, chips, bread crumbs, flour, etc.</p> <p>Food Fight/Messier: plastic containers gallon cans of food such as mushroom soup, sauerkraut, cherries, spinach, etc.</p> <p>Food Fight/Messiest: long buffet tables plates forks pudding for each child one slice of pizza for each child salad for each child round tables</p>
<p>Mess Hall (Rotation #2)</p>	<p>life-application questions (pp. 19, 20)</p> <p>Craft/Cereal Crosses: frosting paper plates cereal: Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Kix, Trix, Chex</p> <p>Game/Bread Run Relay: loaf of bread per team plastic bread bag per team candy or small prizes</p> <p>Snack/Breadsticks: breadsticks megaphone whistle trash can</p>
<p>Back at the Lodge</p>	<p>Bible discussion questions</p>
<p>CAMP Closing</p>	<p>handouts to distribute to parents and kids before leaving</p>
<p>Break Down CAMP</p>	
<p>CAMP Store</p>	<p>fast food choices round tables and chairs *checkered tablecloths</p>

*Items that will be used repeatedly throughout Summer CAMP 2—purchase them once and store to use again.



CAMP BRIEFING

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

Brief counselors on the session's activities one hour prior to opening the doors. Distribute counselor assignments, and give counselors time to ask questions, review any changes, walk the campus, review the lesson, and receive information detailing operations and security for the session. Pray with the team and present a quick devotion on the focus and Scripture for the session.

Director Checklist

- Take attendance.
- Open with prayer.
- Review Planning Sheet, including theme and challenge.
- Give devotion.
- Pass out counselor assignment sheet (planning chart with names assigned); make adjustments if necessary.
- Walk the campus.
- Review topics to discuss.
- Confirm supplies, prizes, and changes.
- Pray.

Devotion

Read the Scripture background from page 1; then use the following thoughts to focus counselors on the goal for this session.

"God wants us to be thankful for all we have. We will talk with the kids about how God provides for all our needs. We will share with them how much God loves them and how He knows their every need before they ask for it. We will remind the kids how to show we are content and thankful for God's provisions. We will discuss the value of praying for our food and we will teach the kids how to pray before a meal."

Encourage counselors to take every opportunity possible to reinforce the focus and Scripture for the session.

Assignments

This session has two rotations. For Recreation, copy and cut out the true and false statements (pp. 16, 17), or make large question cards using index cards or poster board. For Mess Hall, provide the life-application questions (p. 19, 20).

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Walk the Campus

Educate counselors on the paths the children will take. Review security, assignments, and practice the session's operations.

Topics to Discuss

Remember to worship with the kids.
Assign Team Leaders' positions.

Reminders:

- During Here They Come, make sure when squirting silly string on the kids not to squirt parents! Please do not squirt children in the face with silly string.
- During CAMP Bible Memory or CAMP Challenge, counselors will throw various items on the kids' heads. Remember to throw only three handfuls. If some children don't get any items, that is OK. Encourage the children who receive something to share, and encourage the others to be happy for those who did.
- Show counselors the path of exit for messy contestants.
- Fast food will be for sale, and counselors are welcome to enjoy some after CAMP is cleaned up.

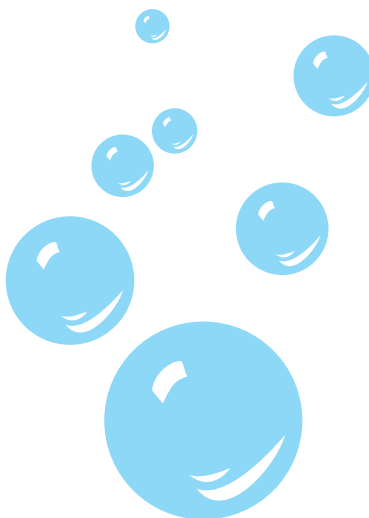
Supplies

Confirm that all supplies and prizes are in position.

Questions?

Pray

Pray with the team—for them, the lesson, the kids, the safety, the message, and the worship.





CAMP SET UP

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Team Captains

See Director's Notes for general information on the CAMP Store, Stage, and prizes.

Counselors are divided into their teams; they quickly touch base with their Team Captains and proceed to set up their designated areas. Teams and tasks are identified on their assignment sheets (given during the CAMP briefing). Leave all supplies in a central area for counselors to access.

Store

Food for this session is fast food. This needs to be set up facing the path of exiting families. Set up tables and chairs for families to eat on campus. Use checkered tablecloths on tables.

Stage

The stage team sets up this area.

- lawn chairs, hula hoops, colorful beach towels, fun blowup summer toys placed on stage for color and attraction
- confetti cannon
- black plastic on stage covered with roofing paper to prevent slipping
- 2 pools need to be left flat for the session activities
- 2 lawn chairs need to be placed in two of the pools in front of the teams
- megaphone

Security

Security sets up everything to do with the line, Check-In/Check-Out, and seating.

Security will set up

- chairs in the large-group worship area. The chairs need to be facing forward divided into two sections with an aisle down the middle and an aisle in the center running horizontally.
- all the stamping supplies and Check-In tables
- minimum of two water sources and hoses for clean up

Security is responsible for roping off the line to the entrance. Security will hang any signs needed. Sample signs you may need:

- line signs
 - Line Starts Here
- warning signs like those at theme parks
 - This Session Will Be Messy!
 - Prepare to Get Messy!
- one sign stating the session's activities

Security will also place the handouts for the session at the exit door.

Security will place yellow T-shirts in a stack at the start of the line for visitors.

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Prizes

Team leaders are responsible for prize placement.

CAMP Introduction: A few T-shirts and five big candies will be thrown out during the welcome. These need to be placed in a colorful bucket on the stage opposite the cooler.

CAMP Bible Memory: The first throw prize is placed in the big cooler next to the chair. This throw is for the team that wins the Bible Memory challenge. The first throw will be cooked spaghetti.

CAMP Challenge: Fruit Loops will be thrown on the winning team after the Food Loop Challenge.

Wearing CAMP T-shirts: Small prizes are given to kids wearing CAMP T-shirts. Sample prizes are stickers, tickets they can spend at the store, first-in-line privileges, or small candy, such as suckers and airheads. (These prizes are placed in a bucket inside near the entrance door.)

Here They Come

Team Leaders are responsible for setting up the line activities. Team Leaders will place the silly string in a colorful bucket outside near the line.

CAMP Challenge

Team Leaders will set up the challenge. One bin per side needs to be placed behind the team chairs. These bins are used to hold supplies needed in the back of the room. Team Leaders will fill the bins with all the supplies necessary to complete the challenge.

Each bin contains

- hula-hoop
- 3 boxes of Fruit Loops

Recreation (Rotation #1)

The recreation team sets up this area. Choose and set up one of the following versions for the Recreation activity:

Messy: paper cups, dry foods
Place dry foods inside the paper cups.

Messier: multiple one-gallon cans of messier food
Pour contents into plastic containers. Set up round tables without chairs. Place a bucket or pan full of wet foods for each table near the tables, but out of the way.

Messiest: cafeteria style food choices
Set up round tables without chairs. Place a bucket or pan full of wet foods for each table near the tables, but out of the way. Place food in a buffet-style line near the recreation area.

For ponchos, cut out a portion of the top of a medium-sized trash bag. Make sure there is enough room for a child's head to fit comfortably through the opening. Place plastic trash bags in a pile to put over the kids as slickers after they are washed off.

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Mess Hall (Rotation #2)

Choose the craft, game, or snack for this session's Mess Hall activities. The Mess Hall team sets up the choice of activities.

Craft: Cereal Crosses

Set up materials on tables where kids will work.

Game: Bread Run Relay

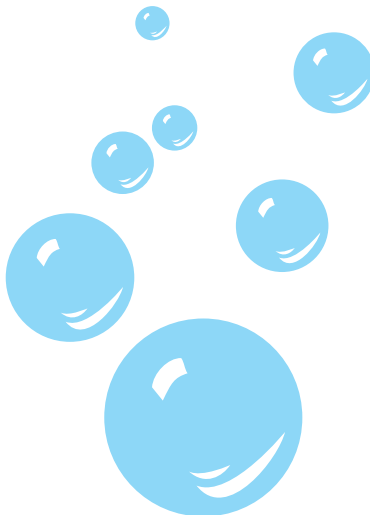
Set up the relay supplies. Place the Candy Can in the Mess Hall to give one piece of candy to winners.

Snack: Breadsticks

Put breadsticks in containers for counselors to hand out. Provide a megaphone and trash can.

Lodge

Place discussion questions in the area where the small groups will meet. Provide enough copies so that children can be divided into groups of 6-8 (or as close to that size as possible).





8 HERE THEY COME

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Team Leader and Worship Leader

See the Director's Notes for general information about lining up for CAMP.

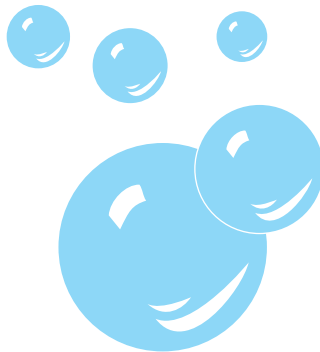
During Here They Come, the worship leader will choose kids to lead worship.

Team Leaders are the only counselors implementing the line activity for this session. Use silly string for this session. Counselors will squirt silly string on each child. Be sure not to get silly string on the parents. This takes place until all the worship team is chosen.

Team Leaders high-five all the kids, joke with them, and smile at them. Team Leaders yell, "Are you ready?" and begin getting the kids excited to get in. The music team places the kids' worship team in position to greet and high-five all the incoming kids. When the music team is ready and it is time to start, the Team Leaders run in first and take their positions.

During line activities, Team Leaders, along with Security, are continuing to ask the question, "Are you OK to get messy?" Everyone carries the bright orange stickers for those children who do not wish to get messy.

Send the kids in!





8 CAMP INTRODUCTION

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADER: Team Captain or Director

See the Director's Notes for general information about the large-group time.

Play a popular video as kids are coming in. (See the Tech Chart for suggestions.) Then have one of the Team Leaders welcome the kids.

The following sequence is a typical introduction:

"Hi, kids!"

"Welcome to Summer CAMP!" (or CAMP Your Name)

Shoot the cannon (full of confetti).

"Who is ready for a FOOD FIGHT?"

The leader explains and/or practices "hands up."

"Who needs a T-shirt?"

As the kids are screaming and yelling, the leader throws out a few CAMP T-shirts, candy, and prizes from the store. These items will be in a bucket on the stage.

Transition to worship:

"Are you ready to worship?"

"Stand up! Let me see you on your feet!"

Worship music starts here, and the kids' worship team runs up. Everyone transitions into worship.



8 CAMP SONGS

LEADER: Worship Leader

Choose a variety of songs from session to session, using any songs that specifically connect to the theme or session focus.



8 CAMP BIBLE MEMORY

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Team Captains and Director
Prize: cooked spaghetti

Introduce the Bible verse for this session: 1 Timothy 6:8.

Say: Our Bible verse is something Paul wanted to teach Timothy. Paul had been following Jesus for a while, and Timothy was learning what it means to follow Jesus every day. And this verse is probably harder for us than it was for Timothy. Paul said, "Be content with just having food and clothing." I don't know what that meant for Timothy, but for us that means we shouldn't worry about having the latest computer or iPod, the coolest car or house or phone. We can learn to be content with whatever we have—as long as we're following Jesus.

See the Director's Notes for how teams compete to learn the Bible verse.



8 CAMP CHALLENGE

LEADERS: Challenge Leaders
Prize: Fruit Loops
Challenge: Food Loop

Kid volunteers needed: 3 per team (1 in back, 1 in front, 1 on stage)

1. The **back volunteer** passes each item from the bucket in the back forward (including the hula hoop). Starting at the back row, he or she hands off the items. Every child on the team must touch each item.
2. When an item makes it to the last child in the front row, it is passed to the **front volunteer**. The **front volunteer** passes the hula hoop to the **stage volunteer**.
3. The **stage volunteers** then must hold the hula hoop up (sideways so the **front volunteer** can try to throw boxes of Fruit Loops through the hoop).
4. As the **front volunteer** receives each box of cereal, he or she must attempt to throw the cereal through the hoop. If he or she misses, the **stage volunteer** throws the cereal back to the **front volunteer**.
5. The first team to successfully get three boxes of cereal through the hula hoop wins Fruit Loops cereal thrown on their heads.

Transition to Rotations.



8 RECREATION

(Rotation #1)

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Recreation Captain
Recreation: Food Fight

See Director's Notes for general information about Rotations.

Choose the version that works for you. You will need the true/false statements (pp. 16, 17) for any of the versions you choose.

The Recreation Captain explains the main rule: If anyone flings food or touches food before directed to, he or she will be asked to sit away from the fun.

NO MESS KIDS: No mess kids still rotate with the other kids. They sit or stand close by to be sure to see all the action. They stay with a counselor and get a simple treat to eat.

MESSY: dry foods in cups

Materials: paper cup for each child, dry foods (instant mashed potatoes, sugar, chips, crackers, bread crumbs, flour)

Put dry foods inside the cups. Kids will stand in two rows facing each other (similar to an egg toss). Each child will receive one cup. Kids will start out approximately 10 yards apart. As the kids answer questions out loud to the Recreation Captain, he or she instructs them to take two steps forward toward each other. When the captain gives the word, kids get to fling food on one another. The team to answer the question first gets to fling first. They throw their food one team at a time. This gives them incentive to answer the questions. After all steps have been taken forward and all questions have been answered, the captain yells, "Food Fight," and the kids participate in an all-out food fight. When the whistle blows, kids must stop what they are doing and freeze. After the kids have frozen, a few at a time will be instructed to make their way to the water source. At the water source, kids will be hosed off and receive a slicker.

MESSIER: gallon cans of messier food

Materials: gallon cans of messier food (mushroom soup, sauerkraut, cherries, spinach, corn, pie filling, pudding, spinach, peas, cooked spaghetti), plastic containers

Kids will sit in circles of 8-10 children. Each circle will be asked a question. If the first child is unable to answer the question, the Recreation Captain can ask each child seated in the circle until he or she receives the correct answer. When the circle answers the question correctly, they receive a container of food. The container is placed in the center of the circle. The kids are not allowed to touch the food. After all the questions have been answered, the captain yells, "Food Fight," and the kids participate in an all-out food fight. When the whistle blows, kids must stop what they are doing and freeze. After the kids have frozen, a few at a time will be instructed to make their way to the water source. At the water source kids will be hosed off and receive a slicker.

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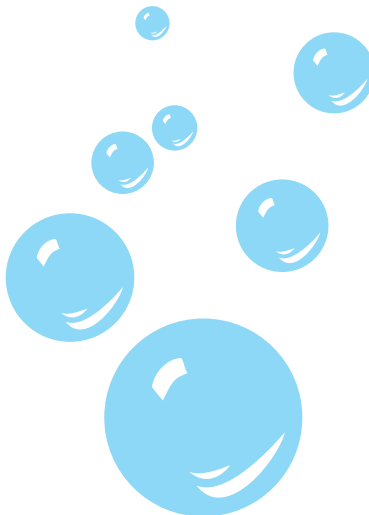
MESSIEST: cafeteria style food

Materials: 1 serving of pizza, salad, and pudding for each child; plates, forks

Kids sit in rows of 8-10 children. Ask kids the true and false questions. When all the questions are answered correctly, kids are dismissed to make their plates of food and take their places around the round tables.

Kids line up and go through the buffet to get their food. Kids fill their plates thinking they are at the snack rotation. Use hot pizza and the kids will never suspect that they will be throwing it. After all of the kids have gotten their plates of pizza, salad, and pudding, they are seated, prayer is said, and they begin eating. After a few minutes a counselor walks up and flings some food on one group of kids and yells "Food Fight," and then the kids will begin to throw their food and participate in an all-out food fight. When the whistle blows, kids must stop what they are doing and freeze. After the kids have frozen, a few at a time are instructed to make their way to the water source. At the water source kids will be hosed off and receive a slicker.

When the megaphone whistle blows, kids will walk slowly to the Mess Hall.



1. God wants me to be thankful for everything.



2. God loves me even when I am not thankful.



3. God wants us to be thankful even when we do not have everything we want.



4. God is capable of providing for all our needs.



5. God never knows when we are thankful.



6. When I am thankful, I should complain a lot.



7. Our Bible verse is found in 1 Timothy 6:8.



8. It is good to be selfish.

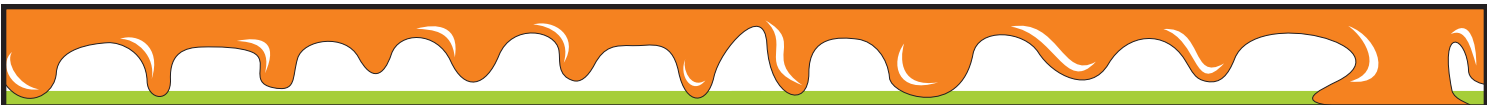


9. It's hard to be thankful for bad things.



10. God knows our needs before we ask Him.





2. True



1. True



4. True



3. True



6. False



5. False



8. False



7. True



10. True



9. True



MESS HALL

(Rotation #2)

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Mess Hall Captain

Choose the craft, game, or snack for the Mess Hall activities.

CRAFT: Cereal Crosses

Materials: paper plates; frosting; cereal; (Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Kix, Cocoa Puffs, Fruity Pebbles, Trix, Chex, any cereal) life-application questions (pp. 19, 20)

Ask kids to sit around tables. A counselor at each table will ask kids 10 life-application questions and quiz them on the Bible verse. Kids must raise their hands to answer the questions. When all the kids have answered the questions correctly, they will make cereal crosses.

Counselors and team leaders will join a table and help kids with their craft. Kids will make crosses out of various cereals. They will squirt frosting on a paper plate in the shape of a cross (big cross), and then they will stick the cereal of their choice on the frosting to make a cross. When the kids have completed the craft, they can eat the finished product.

GAME: Bread Run Relay

Materials: 1 loaf of bread per team, life-application questions (pp. 19, 20)

Ask kids to form four lines (four teams) and be seated. While kids are seated in their teams, counselors will ask life-application questions and quiz them on the Scripture verse. As the questions are asked, kids must raise their hands to answer. When a team answers all the questions correctly, they may stand up and prepare for their relay.

Kids will run the relay one child at a time. Counselors will dump one loaf of bread at the front of the relay line and place the empty plastic bag at the spot to which kids will run. Each kid will carry one slice of bread to the designated spot, find the empty bread bag (Wonder looks really cute), place his or her slice of bread in the bag, run back, tag the next person in line, go to the end of the team line, and sit down. The first team to get all the bread slices back into the bag and be seated, wins.

Prize: The winning team gets a candy/prize from the Candy Can.

SNACK: Breadsticks

Materials: breadsticks, life-application questions (pp. 19, 20), megaphone whistle, trash can

Kids sit in four large groups. Kids are then asked four life application questions, and when they answer all four successfully, the group leader prays for the group and they then receive their snack.

After all the kids have finished, the whistle will blow, and they will move on to the next rotation. On their way to the next rotation, they will drop their trash in the trash can.

1 : LIFE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. It is finally Christmas, and all year long I have been asking for this new video game. When it comes time to open my presents, there are several presents, but no new video game under the tree. I am really mad that I didn't get. Do I still have to be thankful? (Yes, God tells us to be thankful for everything. You should be thankful for the several other presents and thankful for Jesus too!)
2. I am really tired of being the nice person in school. I am constantly trying to set an example for others by doing the right thing and always showing how thankful I am. But nobody notices that I put an effort into my behavior. Should I just stop? (No, your example is noticed by everyone, and, most of all, it is noticed by God. God loves the effort that you put into following Jesus!)
3. My little brother wants everything, and my parents sometimes tell him no. After they tell him no, he just throws a tantrum and gets whatever he wants. I am tired of being quiet and watching him receive everything he wants. He makes me so mad, that I find myself often not thankful for him and all of the things that he gets. Is it normal that I feel this way sometimes? (Yes, it is normal to feel jealous and frustrated sometimes, but it is not OK to continue feeling jealous towards your little brother. Your brother is not always conscious that he is whining. You need to talk to your parents about how you are feeling. After talking to your parents and praying, you probably can think of many other things about your brother you are thankful for.)
4. There are several times throughout the day that whenever something good happens to me I just think of it as luck, not a blessing. Is every good thing a blessing from God? (Yes, God is in control of all that happens to us, and the Bible says that every good thing is from God. God wants us to be thankful for everything in our lives, especially the good things. So thank God every chance you get blessed!)
5. The other day at our garage sale my parents sold my bike. I really liked the bike and did not want to give it up. How in the world am I supposed to be thankful for that? (You need to understand that everything that we have is a gift from God. Everything! You can be thankful for the time that you had a bike and hope that the bike goes to somebody who will get more use out of it. God may have something better in store for you!)
6. I just got my grade back for my last math test, and it was not very good. I am in a lot of trouble now because I blew it on that test. But it was really hard, and I didn't know all the material on it. How can that be something for me to be thankful for? (The grade you received on the test was a representation of how well you understood the material. Because you did poorly, you now know that you should probably study harder. You can be thankful that it gave you a chance to learn from your mistakes and try harder next time.)

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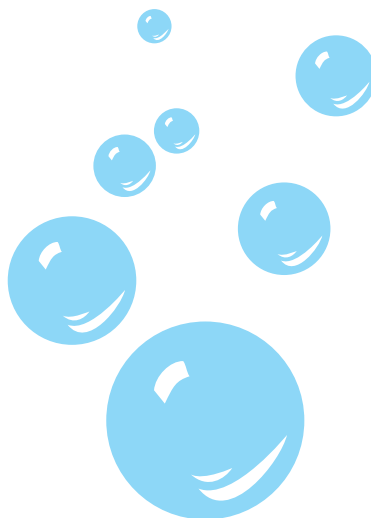
-Life-Application Questions continued-

7. My mom just got in a really bad car accident and was hurt. Our car can't be driven anymore and we have to pay to get it fixed. My mom will be OK, but we have to pay lots of money for doctor bills and to get the car fixed. How can I possibly be thankful for any of this? (You can rejoice in the fact that your mother is OK! Yes, it is terrible that she was in a car accident and that money must be spent in order to repair all of the damages, but that will all be over soon. Your mother surviving and being able to continue her life is something to be truly thankful for. Sometimes we just have to look a little harder to find things to thank God for.)

8. The family who lives down the street is losing their home because they cannot pay the money to keep it. They will have to move into a much smaller house now because of it. I feel terrible for them because they have to move. It seems like there just isn't that much to be thankful for. What can I do to make them feel better and show them that there is still something to be thankful for? (You can pray for them and tell them God knows their needs and He is faithful to meet their needs. Encourage them to pray and find things they are thankful for and thank God despite their difficult circumstances.)

9. My parents are getting a divorce, and my mom is moving far away. I know that I am going to miss my mom. What can I be thankful for? (You can be thankful that your parents and God still love you! You can be thankful that God will be with you, your mom, and your dad, wherever any of you go. You must also be thankful for God's guidance in your life. You can know that God wants the best for you in spite of circumstances you can't control.)

10. I get made fun at school a lot because I try to always look on the bright side of things and try to be thankful. I never thought I would be made fun of because I try to be thankful for things I have, for my friends and family, and for lots of things. What can I do about that? (You can pray for kids who make fun of you and talk to them about why you look on the bright side and try to be thankful. They are probably wondering what makes you so different to be thankful for even the small things. This is a great opportunity to tell others about God. Good job!)





8 BACK AT THE LODGE

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Counselors

See Director's Notes for general information about small groups.

Discussion Questions

- What are you thankful for?
- Do you remember a time when you did not feel so thankful?
- Do you pray a prayer of thankfulness for your meals before you eat?

Give kids ideas on how to pray for their food. "Dear Lord, thank You for this food. Please bless it to make my body strong." Allow them to give examples and encourage them to pray every time they eat. Remind them that every time they eat that God provided for them.

Prayer: Pray for the kids about different things that were shared in your small-group time.





8 CAMP CLOSING

Theme: Food Fight

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:8

Focus: Be Thankful!

LEADERS: Team Leaders

See Director's Notes for general information about CAMP closing and clean up.

Break Down CAMP.



8 CAMP STORE

LEADER: Store Captain

The store is selling fast food.

Counselors eat for free when they have finished cleaning up.