



CENTRIKID PRESENTS

WOW FACTOR

GOD GIVES GREAT GIFTS

ADULT LEADER GUIDE

2024

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GET IT DIGITALLY!

To access this Adult Leader Guide on your mobile device, visit centrikid.com/resources/camp-extras/

WELCOME!

We are so glad that you joined us for camp! Our team hopes that camp is personally refreshing and that you have so much fun. Every part of camp is designed with a purpose, so since you're here, learn the verse, do the song motions, and get messy at OMC!

Be intentional with the kids under your care for these days. It could turn out to be a life-changing time of kids ministry, whether you are the group leader, a parent, volunteer, or small group leader at church.

At CentriKid, we know that kids benefit from having caring adults to invest in their lives, so thank you for being a part of the camp experience with your church. If you have any concerns, or any ideas for improvement, please reach out!



THE CENTRIKID TEAM

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Camp Director's Name _____

Assistant Director's Name _____

CentriKid Phone Number _____

Campus Phone Number _____

Other Phone Number _____

**Follow your Camp Director's instructions
to sign up for camp-wide updates!**

CAMP REFERENCE

Circle your group number:

Please always follow your assigned meal times:

Breakfast: _____

Lunch: _____

Dinner: _____

Look for your group number for seat assignments in Worship.
Always sit **BEHIND** your group number.

WRITE IN YOUR CHURCH GROUP’S ASSIGNED TIME:

Bible Study _____

Recreation _____



POOL TIMES (if applicable)



WIFI INFORMATION



CAMP STORE HOURS

Day 1: 9:00-10 PM

Day 2: Track B (for adults only);

4:45-5:30 PM;

8:30-10 PM



THE GOSPEL: GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos-pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10, 13*

CENTRIKID MISSIONS

PRAY.

Pray now for the missionaries who are working both locally and globally to make the message of Christ known. Pray for the people the missions offering will help support.

GIVE.

The missions offering will be collected during Worship on the last night of camp. The offering will help support projects with the International Mission Board (IMB) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) organizations. Pray about what your church group can give and what you can give personally.

GO.

Missions opportunities are available for students, adults, and families. Find out where you can get involved! Check out imb.org and namb.net.

IMB: Northern Africa and Middle East (Ethiopia)

NAMB: Philadelphia, PA - Church Planting

PROCEDURES FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND SAFE TIME AT CENTRIKID

We take safety seriously and make it a top priority at CentriKid. Kids, adults, and staff make CentriKid a safe place by following these practices at camp!

ALWAYS HAVE A FRIEND

Kids should never wander campus alone. Between activities, kids will always be accompanied by a leader from church or a CentriKid staffer. Churches can create smaller groups who are accompanied by an adult leader so that you know where your kids are at all times.

VISITOR POLICY

Everyone wears a nametag at camp to create immediate visibility of who belongs with CentriKid. Please notify the Camp Director or a safe adult if you see anything that gives you a concern. All visitors must check in with the Camp Director for a visitor sticker, and remain with their group.

STAY HEALTHY

Contact the Camp Director or another camp staffer if there is an injury. We have first aid certified staffers who are equipped with standard first-aid supplies. Keep healthy at camp by washing hands with soap and drinking lots of water to stay hydrated. For convenience, we will have water coolers at “The Spot” during Track Time transitions.

ABUSE SITUATIONS

If you are made aware of, or reasonably suspect that a child has been abused WHILE AT CAMP, contact the Camp Director immediately. We may have legal obligation to report actual or suspected abuse. For instances of abuse outside of camp that you may be aware of or suspect, call 1.800.4.A.CHILD for advice about reporting obligations, or you can speak to an attorney.

HOUSING SAFETY

Adult church leaders monitor kids in the dorms and should avoid situations where they would be alone with a child at any point. These situations include, but are not restricted to, dorm rooms, restrooms, showers, and changing situations. Most importantly, adults should never share a bed with a child that is not his or her own son or daughter.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Please note that we take inappropriate behavior seriously. Such activity includes, but is not limited, to hazing, bullying, aggressive behaviors, and actions deemed sexual harassment or sexual in nature. Some activities that were once thought to be practical jokes may now be considered abuse. Some examples include swirlies, pantsing someone, dog piling, and noogies, just to name a few. Adults and campers should refrain from using any part of their body or an object toward another camper as a prank, sexual advance, or bullying tactic. These actions can lead to hurt and trauma for the victim, as well as legal action. Often these situations happen during free time in the afternoon and after curfew while in the housing areas. Campers must be supervised by adults during free time and when in housing areas. If an adult hears commotion coming from a room in the housing area, they need to investigate. Some things start out innocently but can turn to inappropriate activity quickly. Please do all you can to avoid such activities.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AT CAMP

We want to make you aware of what to do in case you experience an emergency this summer while at camp, especially natural occurrences such as a fire, tornado, or thunderstorm. We also want you to be prepared in the unlikely event of an active shooter.

NATURAL OCCURRENCES (FIRE, TORNADO, AND THUNDERSTORM EMERGENCY PLAN)

Your Camp Director is familiar with natural occurrence emergency procedures and other information specific to your camp location. This information has been shared with all staff and will be followed should there be an event. Announcements to participants, group leaders, and adult sponsors should be made in general worship services/large group assemblies and/or sent as a text or Remind 101 message to group leaders.

ACTIVE SHOOTER ON CAMPUS

Your Camp Director is familiar with active shooter on campus procedures and other information specific to your camp location. This information has been shared with all staff and will be followed should there be an active shooter. Your Camp Director will set up a command post on campus, typically the staff office, unless that area is unsafe.

Your Camp Director or campus security will call 911 and text or send a Remind 101 message to group leaders. Use: Active shooter in XXXX (building or area of campus). Group leaders should set up a system for their participants and a rendezvous point.

For more information on specific emergency preparedness plans and procedures for participants to follow, please scan the code below:





DAY 1: GOD GIVES

GREAT GIFTS

Today's Focus: Campers will start their time at camp learning that God gives great gifts. In Bible Study tonight, campers will learn the theme verse, 1 John 3:1a. They are also meeting their Bible Study and Rec Staffers tonight, as well as getting to know other campers that will be in their group all week. During this time, campers will fill out a Camper Information Card to help their Bible Study and Rec Staffers get to know them. Your CentriKid Director and Assistant Director will give these Camper Information Cards to you on day 3.

DURING CHURCH GROUP TIME

- Guide campers to get in small groups and let each adult leader give out Track Time information.
- While name tags are out of the pouch, help campers write down their correct meal times.
- Show campers the Time Alone with God content so they're ready for it in the morning.
- Give instructions for when and where to meet in the morning for Time Alone with God. (Remind them to be thoughtful of others having their Time Alone with God).
- Remind campers to wear closed-toe shoes each day and to always stay with an Adult Leader or CentriKid Staffer and follow the camp buddy system (leave no camper behind by themselves).
- Collect missions offering in the container provided by your Camp Director. The missions offering will be collected during worship tomorrow night.
- Remind campers to dress for OMC tomorrow!

Did you forget to order camp photos at check-in? Speak to the Financial Director tonight or tomorrow after Adult Gathering.

SIGN UP NOW FOR NEXT SUMMER!

Dates and pricing are available at centrikid.com.

DAY 1: GOD GIVES GREAT GIFTS

SHARE

Instruct campers to get into smaller groups (based on grade or gender), and assign a different adult leader from your church to each group. Explain that each night during Church Group Time they will get in these groups to share about their days and what they're learning.

Ask these questions and allow kids to share their answers in their small groups:

- **What is something you learned or thought was interesting today?**
- **What have you done in your life that has made you say, "WOW!"** (This can be an experience, gift, etc.)
- **What is the coolest gift you have ever given someone?**

LEARN

Read: James 1:17

Ask: **"What kind of gifts does this verse say God gives us?"** (every good and perfect gift)

Say: **"We learn here that God gives us EVERY good and perfect gift! We're going to be learning that God gives great gifts! And our theme verse tells us what one of these great gifts is!"**

Ask a camper to read 1 John 3:1a, *"See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children – and we are!"*

Say: **"God has given us the gift of His love and allows us to be called His children! We get to be a part of His family! That is such a great gift!"**

This year, our theme is Wow Factor! Who here loves amusement parks? Does anyone have a favorite ride? (allow for answers)

Some people LOVE roller coasters! Does anyone here love roller coasters? Let's pretend we're on a roller coaster right now. Ready?"

Instruct campers to stand up and lead them to mimic you as you pretend to be on a roller coaster:

Step into the pretend roller coaster. Bend your knees like you're sitting

down. Pull the over-the-shoulder restraints over your head. Hold onto these pretend restraints and start to lean back and slowly bounce like you're ascending to the top. Go slower and slower until you reach "the top." Make comments about how high you are, and start to lean forward like you're looking down. Then throw your hands up in the air, and act as if you're headed downhill. Lean left, then right, and lean back like you're going back up, etc. Continue with these motions, and then quickly act as if you're coming to a stop. Allow kids to sit back down.

Say: **"WOW, that was a fun roller coaster! It was full of ups and downs and twists and turns! Life can be like that, too. Our verses that we read tonight show us that God gives good and perfect gifts, and He loves us enough to make us a part of His own family, but that doesn't mean life will always be perfect. Our lives will sometimes be a little bit like a roller coaster—sometimes there are ups, sometimes there are downs, sometimes we're scared, and sometimes we're having so much fun we can barely stand it! In all of those times, we can know that God is behind all the good moments and is in control even in the hard moments."**

PRAY

Instruct kids to spread out and close their eyes as you lead them to reflect and pray.

Once everyone's eyes are closed, ask: **"What part of the roller coaster does it feel like your life is on right now? Are you going through a time of ups where things are really good? Or maybe a time of downs where life is hard right now? Are there twists and turns that have surprised you? Spend a couple of minutes praying and thanking God for being with you even in the hard times. Thank Him for giving great gifts—especially the gift of His love."**

Say a prayer out loud to close.

ANNOUNCE (OPTIONAL)

- Instruct kids to get in their small groups from earlier and let each adult leader give out Track Time information.
- While name tags are out, instruct kids to write down their correct meal times.
- Show them the Time Alone with God content, so they're ready for it in the morning.
- Give instructions for when and where to meet in the morning.



What do you, Adam
and Eve, and the
kids in your ministry
have in common?

The never-ending
need for the gospel.

Jesus came to make all things new—for the Adams and Eves, for the Marys and Marthas, and for you and the kids in your ministry. The common thread in every biblical story is Jesus. Join The Gospel Project as we continuously trace the need for redemption in those stories and in our kids' stories, too.



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NEWS AGAIN AND AGAIN.

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Lifeway kids



DAY 2: GOD GIVES

HIS SON

Today's Bible Study: Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, Luke 2:1-20

In Luke 2:1-20 is the story of the birth of Jesus. Today in Bible Study, campers will learn about the gift that God gave us when He sent His Son to be born. Jesus is such a great gift because His perfect life, death, and resurrection made a way for us to have a relationship with God. Jesus is fully God, and when He was born on earth, He also became fully human. Jesus is a gift that keeps on giving!

Today's Worship: 1 Peter 2:21-24

During worship, your camp pastor will take campers on a "journey" to WOW Factor theme park. We'll pack our bags, grab some snacks for the road, and listen to some of our favorite tunes. When we arrive at the front gate, though, we'll face the sudden realization that tickets are required, and we have no way to enter the park on our own. The camp pastor will connect this to Jesus and a relationship with the Father. When God gave the gift of His Son, He not only provided an invitation, but He also provided THE WAY to have a relationship with Him through Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. Jesus is our ticket. Not only that, but Jesus is THE gift. When God gave us His Son, He gave us EVERYTHING!

DAY 2 | ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER LUNCH:

At 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., meet at The Spot to help kids get to their Track Times. Please make sure at least one adult from your church group is present in case a camper needs to be located.

TRACK TIMES:

The Track Time I am helping with at **1:15** is

The Track Time I am helping with at **2:30** is

HANG TIME OPTIONS

DURING CHURCH GROUP TIME

- Remind campers to have luggage packed and ready to go in the morning. Tell them where to meet for loading.
- Give details about breakfast, keys, loading up, etc.
- Tonight in Church Group Time, there is an activity where you will need 2 oven mitts, 2 dice, plastic wrap, and some small prizes. Don't forget to prep these items! (See page 17 for details.)

Notes for OMC:



- Kids will meet at the SPOT after Track B to prepare for OMC.
- Adults will meet at the OMC field to assist with final preparations.
- Please do not bring any extra messy items to OMC, including food. We love it when you bring extra shaving cream, but please be sure that it is not "for sensitive skin" because that irritates eyes. If you have any questions, please talk to your Camp Director.



omc

OMC (Organized Mass Chaos) is our camp-wide relay game that takes place on the last day of camp. Kids compete for their color teams by completing individual tasks. Everyone has a task (organized), but they are all happening at the same time (mass chaos). Oh, and there will be plenty of shaving cream and water! Adults will receive instructions from the Camp Director on how to help contribute to the organization and the chaos!

the rules

1. **you can't say no.**
2. **don't enter the no fly zone.**
3. **return equipment to the no fly zone.**

Learn more at
centrikid.com/omc.

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The Hyfi logo, featuring the word "hyfi" in a lowercase, rounded, sans-serif font. The "h" and "y" are blue, and the "fi" is teal. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is at the end. The logo is set against a white circular background.

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DAY 2: GOD GIVES HIS SON

REMEMBER

Today in Bible Study, campers learned about the promise of the gift of God's Son in Isaiah 7 and 9. They walked through the story of the birth of Jesus, and the angels' announcement to the shepherds, telling them about this amazing gift.

SHARE

Instruct campers to get into the same smaller groups (based on grade or gender) from day 1.

Ask these questions and allow kids to share their answers in their small groups:

- **What made you say, "WOW," today? (something fun, favorite part of the day, etc.)**
- **What is something you learned or thought was interesting today?**
- **If you could have an all-access season ticket to one thing or place, what would it be?**

LEARN

Ask: **"Does anyone remember how our Camp Pastor connected a WOW Factor ticket to God?"** (allow for answers)

Say: **"That's right! God doesn't just invite us to experience Him from far away, He's given us everything we need to KNOW Him. He gave us His Son, Jesus, and because of Jesus, we have direct access to God—kind of like a VIP or all-access ticket would give us direct access to our favorite amusement park. Let's learn more about what Jesus did to give us this access."**

Read: Philippians 2:5-11

Say: **"Jesus came to earth to dwell with us, and He made a way for us to know God. Jesus obeyed God's plan all the way to the point of death. He did that because He loves us so much that He didn't want us to stay separated from God. He rescued us. Wow! God gives great gifts! And His Son, Jesus, is SUCH a great gift! Like verses 10 and 11 say, Jesus deserves our praise. He is Lord, and He is our Rescuer!"**

(Optional) Ask: **"What time of year do we normally celebrate Jesus coming to earth to dwell with us?"** (allow for answers) **"What are some of your favorite things about Christmas?"** (allow for answers)

Say: **"I love celebrating Jesus' birth with my family! And I love giving and receiving gifts! It reminds me about the great gifts God**



has given us. Let's play a game. As we play, think about how God gives great gifts and how God gave us His Son to draw us near to Him."

Game Instructions: *Before you arrive at camp (or at some point during the camp day), gather some small prizes (gift cards, candy, bottled drinks, small toys, etc.), two oven mitts, two dice, and a roll of plastic wrap. Start wrapping the first object with plastic wrap, then continue rolling and adding a prize every few rolls. When you're finished rolling, consider marking the edge of the plastic with a permanent marker so it's easier for kids to find at the beginning of the game. Show the plastic wrap bundle to your group and explain to them that they're going to have a chance to receive a gift tonight! But there's a twist! It won't be easy!*

Ask kids to sit in a circle. Give one kid the plastic wrap ball, and give the two dice to the camper to his left. Instruct the kid with the plastic wrap bundle to put the oven mitts on. This camper will try to unwrap as much of the bundle as he can, while the kid to his left tries to roll doubles. Once the kid with the dice rolls doubles, it's her turn to pass the dice to the person on her left, put on the oven mitts, and try to unwrap the plastic wrap bundle. If a prize or multiple prizes fall out during her turn, it is hers to keep. Continue playing until the last prize falls out.

Leader Tip: Consider having extra prizes extra prizes on hand to make sure all kids receive a "gift" tonight!

PRAY

Say: "Today, we learned that God gives great gifts, and one of those super great gifts is His Son, Jesus! Jesus came to earth to dwell with us, lived a perfect life (something none of us can do), died the death we deserve, and then overcame death and sin so that we can know God and have a relationship with Him. Spread out from your friends, so you won't be distracted, and spend a few minutes thanking God for the gift of His Son."

Say a prayer out loud to close after a few minutes.



DAY 3: GOD GIVES HIS PROMISE

REGISTER FOR 2025!

You can register for camp online at www.centrikid.com or by calling 1-877-CAMP-123. Write the DATE and LOCATION where you'll come to camp next summer.

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND before you leave! Also, please report any damages to the Camp Director or campus contact before you leave camp.

Be sure to check out our Resources Page for an after camp devotion guide, camp music, and other great kids ministry resources.

centrikid.com/camp-extras/

Missing a receipt from the camp store?

Email centrikid@lifeway.com when you get home.

Don't Forget:

Your Camp Director and Assistant Director have given you a take home devotion for each camper called "Camping in God's Truth: 4 Weeks of Time Alone with God." Make sure to give these to each camper or their parent. Consider creating a challenge for the campers to complete, and have another daily devotional ready to give them or to recommend.

Group Leaders will receive an end of camp evaluation via text on the last day. Please take the time to give us your feedback of your time at camp.

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living our calling

Next summer, CentriKid will explore new heights as we seek God's call in our lives.

Join us on this great adventure in 2025 by registering at centrikid.com!

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know someone who would make a great camp staffer? we are looking for young adults who love the lord, love kids and would thrive in a camp environment.

Point them to **centrikid.com/staff**, and encourage them to apply. An encouraging word from a trusted mentor in the faith could really help college students begin to explore the gifts that the Lord has blessed them with.

- At least 18 years old
- Multiple positions available, detailed online
- Pay starting at \$300 / week



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We want you to be in the know with terms you hear at camp, so read these important details!

ADULT LEADER: That's you! Any adult in your church group. The "Church Group Leader" is the one, main adult who is responsible for leading and organizing your group.

TAWG (TIME ALONE WITH GOD): Kids and adults begin each morning by spending guided time in Scripture and prayer. A devotion guide is provided inside name tag booklets. Be sure to help them stay focused and use their Bibles.

TEAM TIME: Campers rotate between small group Bible study and large group recreation with their color teams (by grade), all led by our staff.

ADULT GATHERING: The time for Adult Leaders to be encouraged and connect with the Lord after some important announcements. Adult Gathering happens during Team Time and will be different each day.

THE SPOT: The Spot is a central area of campus and will be set up with several CentriKid flags where campers will meet to rotate to different activities.

HANG TIME: This is time for staff and Adult Leaders to hang out with campers as they do activities, visit the Camp Store, etc. There will be multiple options each day.

WORSHIP: The whole camp meets together in the auditorium. You will be given a specific section to sit in during Worship. Bring your Bible and a writing utensil.

RESPONSE TIME: An opportunity in Worship for kids to respond to what God is teaching them. The Camp Pastor will direct kids who need counseling to look for an adult from your group. If needed, CentriKid staff are readily available to talk with kids and have gospel conversations, too.

CHURCH GROUP TIME: The time for your group to get together and talk about the day! Your church group host, a CentriKid staffer, will take you to your assigned room.



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