



The Storyteller

author of all things

ADULT LEADER GUIDE

2026

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GET IT DIGITALLY!

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

WELCOME!

We are so glad you joined us for camp! This year’s theme, The Storyteller, reminds us that God is the Author of All Things. He is actively at work in each life here. Our hope is that every person who comes to camp experiences a life-changing encounter with Christ and begins to see how their story fits into His greater story.

At CentriKid, we know that kids benefit from having caring adults invest in their lives, and your presence at camp is an important part of what God is doing. As you walk alongside the kids in your group, remember that small, intentional moments matter. A conversation, a prayer, a shared laugh, or a quiet word of encouragement can have an eternal impact. God often uses these simple interactions to shape hearts and reveal more of His story in the lives of kids.

Our team has been preparing and praying, asking that the gospel would be clear and that hearts would be open. Thank you for investing in the lives of these kids and for being part of the story God is writing here. We are expectant for all He will accomplish at camp.



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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Camp Director’s Name _____

Assistant Director’s Name _____

CentriKid Phone Number _____

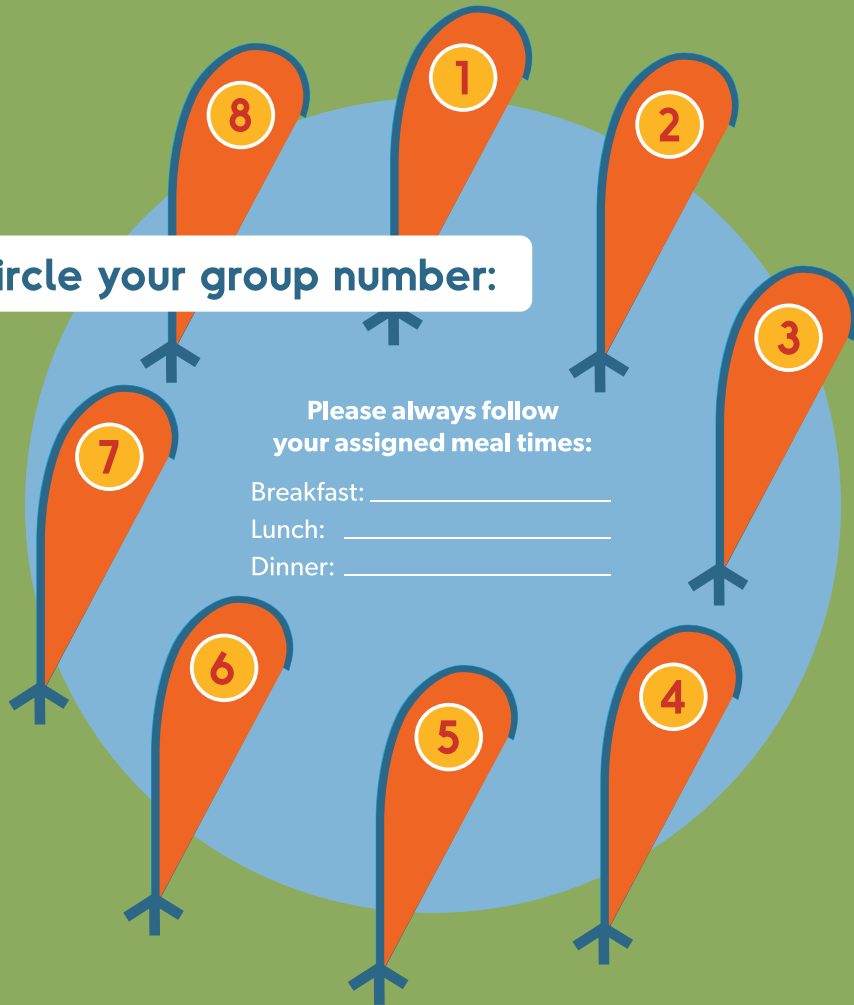
Campus Phone Number _____

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: _____

WRITE IN YOUR CHURCH GROUP'S ASSIGNED TIME:

Bible Study _____

Recreation _____

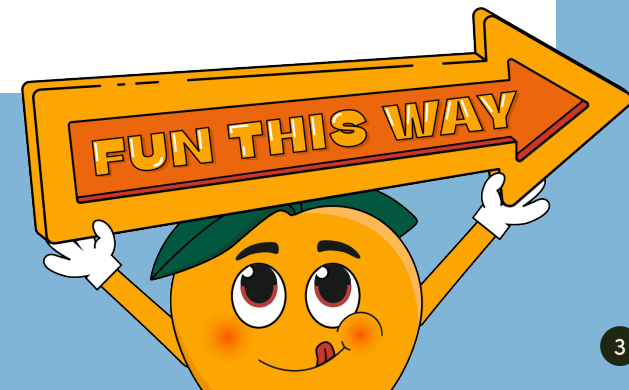


POOL TIMES (if applicable)

WIFI INFORMATION

CAMP STORE HOURS

Days 2-4: Track B (for adults only)
3:45-5:30 PM
8:30-9:30 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

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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
- Pay starting at \$300 / week



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. Pray about what your church 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!

Learn more about our missions partners and projects at imb.org/centrikid and namb.net/lifeway-camps.

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 the campus alone. Between activities, kids will always be accompanied by a leader from church or a CentriKid Staffer. Churches can create smaller groups that 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 concerns you. All visitors must check in with the Camp Director for a visitor sticker, and remain with their group. Visitors are not allowed in the housing areas of campers and should remain in public or common areas while at camp.

STAY HEALTHY

Contact the Camp Director or another Camp Staffer if there is an injury. All of our staff is first-aid certified and equipped with standard first-aid supplies. Keep healthy at camp by washing your 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 a 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 conditions. Most importantly, adults should never share a bed with a child who 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 innocently but can turn into 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 Leaders should be made in general worship services/large group assemblies and/or sent as a text or GroupMe 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 GroupMe 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:



SPIRITUAL

DAY 1

THE AUTHOR OF ALL THINGS

Before the first word was spoken, before the first page was turned, the Author of All Things was at work. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. Join us for a journey you'll never forget, and experience THE STORYTELLER!

Romans 11:36

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.



KICK-OFF

Romans 11:33-36



BIBLE STUDY

Team Time Overview & Review
Theme Verse



CHURCH GROUP DEVOTION

Romans 11:33-36

DAY 2

THE AUTHOR OF SALVATION



TIME ALONE WITH GOD

Genesis 3:1-6



I CAN'T WAIT

Genesis 3:13-15

Even when sin entered the world, God's story was not undone. He promised a Savior, Jesus, who would defeat sin and make a way for us to be restored.



BIBLE STUDY

Numbers 21:4-9

In the midst of a broken world, God has rescued us. The Israelites depended on God and trusted Him to save them, and He did.



RECREATION

Ephesians 2:8-10

Salvation is a gift from God, not of our own doing.



TRACK TIMES

TRACK A: *Acts 3:19-20/Romans 6:23*

What is salvation?

TRACK B: *Hebrews 5:9, 4:15-16*

Jesus makes salvation possible.



WORSHIP

John 3:1-17

From the beginning, God has been writing a single story of salvation through Jesus. Each of us is invited to be part of that story by trusting Him and being born again.



NOW WHAT?

Do you have a salvation story, or are you still asking questions?



CHURCH GROUP DEVOTION

Ephesians 2:8-10

DAY 3

THE AUTHOR OF TRUTH



TIME ALONE WITH GOD

2 Timothy 3:14-17



I CAN'T WAIT

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Because God is the Author of Truth, His Word is fully trustworthy, proven, and essential for knowing Him.

ROADMAP



BIBLE STUDY

Exodus 20 | Exodus 31:18

God gave us the law to show us who He is and to help us live a life that honors Him, honors others, and protects our hearts.



RECREATION

John 14:6

We can find truth in who Jesus is.



TRACK TIMES

TRACK A: *John 18:37*

Jesus lives out truth.

TRACK B: *John 16:13*

The Holy Spirit helps us live out truth.



WORSHIP

Matthew 5:1-12; 17-20

Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and truth. We should trust Him and allow His truth to transform our hearts and lead us to obedience.



NOW WHAT?

What's stopping you from accepting God's Word as Truth?



CHURCH GROUP DEVOTION

John 14:6

DAY 4

THE AUTHOR OF JOY



TIME ALONE WITH GOD

Psalm 16:9-11 | Zephaniah 3:17



I CAN'T WAIT

Psalm 16:11 | John 10:10

True joy comes from God's presence and is lived out through worship in our daily lives.



BIBLE STUDY

Luke 15:1-10

God rejoices when someone who is separated from Him is found and returns home to Him.



RECREATION

Psalms 43:3-4

God provides never-ending joy.



TRACK TIMES

TRACK A: *Luke 24: 52-53*

The greatest joy of all.

TRACK B: *Psalms 118:24*

We can have joy each day because of God's blessings.



WORSHIP

Acts 16:19b-34

Because Jesus is our true source of joy, we can have lasting joy even in difficult circumstances, and that joy can lead others to Him.



NOW WHAT?

What does it mean to you to have joy, even when times are hard?



CHURCH GROUP DEVOTION

John 15:1-11

DAY 5

THE AUTHOR OF THE FUTURE



TIME ALONE WITH GOD

Philippians 1:6



SEND-OFF

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Because God is the Author of our future, we can trust Him completely, knowing our hope is secure in Him.

THE Author of All Things

TODAY'S FOCUS

Campers will start the week learning about how God is the Author of All Things. They will dig into our Theme Verse, Romans 11:36, and learn that God is the source of all things and worthy of all glory.

They are also meeting their Bible Study and Recreation Staffers tonight and 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 Recreation Staffers get to know them. Your CentriKid Camp Director and Assistant Director will give these Camper Information Cards to you on Day 3.

DURING CHURCH GROUP TIME

- Guide campers to take their name tags out of the pouch and 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).

Did you forget to order camp photos at Check-In? Speak to the Financial Director tonight or tomorrow after Adult Gathering so photos will arrive before the end of camp.

SIGN UP NOW FOR NEXT SUMMER!

Dates and pricing are available at centrikid.com.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We are so excited for you and your campers to join us this week at CentriKid as we turn the pages to discover more about The Storyteller: Author of All Things. Throughout this week, your campers will learn more about the character of God—the greatest Storyteller of all time!

As you wait for your campers to return to the auditorium from Team Time, spend some time on your own or with your Adult Leaders praying for your campers this week. Begin praying for your campers to gain a deeper understanding of who God is, and for those who haven't accepted Jesus' gift of salvation to understand what that truly means.

How can you pray for your campers *specifically* this week? Use the space below to write the names of campers that God has placed on your heart. You can also use this space to write out your own prayer for the week that you can come back to daily while at camp. After this, take time to pray for God to move in your heart this week.

A large, rectangular area of aged, yellowed paper with a deckled edge, containing ten horizontal dotted lines for writing.



THE Author of All Things

REMEMBER

The week has just begun, and yet campers have already learned about who God is! He is the Storyteller, the Author of All Things, who deserves all the glory forever!

CONNECT

Instruct campers to get into smaller groups (based on grade and/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 is the best book you have ever read? What is the best movie you have ever seen?
- What do you think makes a good story so good?

LEARN

Ask campers to share some of their favorite books, movies, and what they think makes a good story so good. Ask if anyone remembers the theme of this week of CentriKid (The Storyteller).

SAY: Since we're learning all about the ultimate Storyteller, let's see how good a story we can come up with together.



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Tear out the story cards from the Adult Leader Guide and put them in a hat or a bowl.
2. Ask one camper or adult to choose a card and begin a story (in 1-2 sentences) that includes the word that is on the card he or she chose.
3. Instruct the next camper to choose a new card and add to camper #1's story (in 1-2 sentences) while including the word he or she chose.
4. Continue the story until all the cards have been used. Play up the silliness of the story as necessary!

SAY: Wow, our storytelling might need a little work! This week, we are learning about the best Storyteller that has ever existed, God, and the story He has written that we are all invited to join. This is an epic story that is TRUE—unlike our silly story. There are countless twists and turns, good and evil, love and betrayal, and throughout it all, we can be sure that the Storyteller is in control, and that is good news for us!

WILD

SNOW

JELLYFISH

SMELL

YIKES

ANCIENT

WEIRD

GIGGLE

MUSTACHE

EXPLORE

YODEL

TOENAIL

READ: Romans 11:33-36

SAY: God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge are deeper than we can imagine! He doesn't need anything from us, but He invites us to be a part of His story! He deserves all the glory because He is the Author of All Things! I can't wait to learn more about the Storyteller with you this week!

PRAY

Say a prayer of thanks to God as you look forward to a week of being together and learning more about who He is. Praise Him for being the Author of All Things.

THE Author OF Salvation

BIBLE STUDY: Numbers 21:4-9

In Bible Study, campers will take a closer look at God's rescue story. They will learn that the Israelites depended on God and trusted Him to save them, and He did.

WORSHIP: John 3:1-17

In Worship, kids will hear from the Camp Pastor about Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. Salvation doesn't come from good works, but only from trusting in Jesus.

AFTER LUNCH

At 1:15 pm and 2:30 pm, meet at The SPOT to help kids get to their Track Times. Please make sure at least 1 adult from your Church Group is present in case a camper needs to be located.

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 _____

IDEAS FOR INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH CAMPERS

Throughout the week in your campers' Time Alone with God, they are learning more about the story of Jesus. Today in their Time Alone with God, they learned about Adam and Eve and how God has a plan and a promise of salvation. Continue to talk about how God is always faithful.



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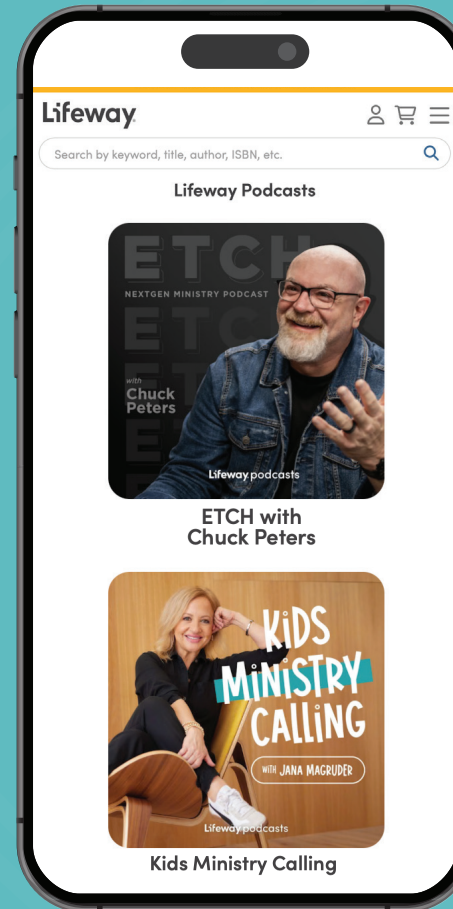
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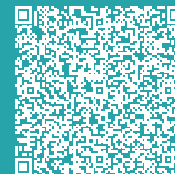
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THE Author OF Salvation

REMEMBER

Today, kids are learning that God is the Author of Salvation! Campers have seen in Time Alone with God (TAWG) & I Can't Wait (ICW) that God promised a Savior as early as Genesis 3! Then in Bible Study, campers learned that even in the wilderness and even as they disobeyed, God saved His people in an unexpected way, pointing to the ultimate salvation that would come through Jesus (Numbers 21:4-9). Finally, in Worship tonight, campers heard of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus in John 3. Jesus is our Savior—the One who was promised at the beginning of time. Help kids see the beauty of Jesus always being the Storyteller's plan of salvation for His people.

CONNECT

Instruct campers to get into the same smaller groups from Day 1. Remind them 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:

1. What was the best part of your day today?
2. What is something you learned or thought was interesting today?
3. Have you ever had to earn something? Tell your group about that time. OR ask the 'Now What?' question.

LEARN

While campers are still in their groups, give one of the following lines of the puzzle to each group. When each line is deciphered and then put in order with the other two lines, campers will see that the solution to their puzzle is Ephesians 2:8.

Do not give out the decipher key at first! This should be impossible for them to solve on their own.

Explain to campers that they will need to work together with their group to solve their line of the puzzle. The numbers under the blanks will help them know what letters go in each spot. Once they've solved their line, they can combine with other groups who have different lines to create a full Bible Verse.

Once every group has a puzzle, let campers begin. They will quickly realize they cannot solve this on their own. Let them try for a couple of minutes before telling them you have a gift for them. Give each group the decipher key. Give groups time to solve their puzzle and work with other groups to put Ephesians 2:8 in the correct order. Once you've given out the decipher key, feel free to help groups as much as needed.

SAY: In our game, you tried to solve a puzzle, but you couldn't do it on your own. No matter how hard you tried, you couldn't solve it. But then what happened? I offered you a gift. One that you didn't do anything to earn, but that I was happy to give you

READ: Ephesians 2:8-10

SAY: Throughout the whole day, we've seen people fail—first with Adam and Eve, then the Israelites in the Wilderness, and even Nicodemus struggled to understand and believe what Jesus was saying. None of them could earn God's love on their own. But that's the beauty of the gospel!

16	11	19	10	11	23	3	19	8	14	3	7	8	1	5	10	15	19	3	22	8					

6	17	19	11	23	15	17	16	3	9	6	17	,	3	25	1	6	17	9	14						

9	14	25	11	6																					

16	19	11	2	10	11	23	19	14	8	21	7	8	14	,	9	6	9	14							

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
3	5	22	1	8	16	15	17	9	20	4	21	2	25	11	24	12	19	14	6	23	7	13	26	10	18

God, the Author of Salvation, has freely given us his gift of salvation. We are saved by grace through faith so that we boast in Him and not in our own works. On our own, we're not enough, but the Storyteller made a way for us to know Him through sending His Son, Jesus, to live the perfect life we could not live, die the death we deserved because of our sin, and then rise again, beating death and conquering sin so that we can live with Him forever. What an amazing gift! Walk through the gospel, answering any questions kids might have about this gift of salvation.

PRAY

Thank God for His gift of salvation that He freely gives us.

ANNOUNCE (OPTIONAL)

- Remind kids that your group will be taking up the Missions Offering tomorrow night during Church Group Time. Spend time talking about who the Missions Offering will go to and encourage kids to think about how they want to give this week at camp.
- Remind kids of all of the Evening Hang Time Options.
- Give instructions for when and where to meet in the morning.



THE Author OF Truth

BIBLE STUDY: Exodus 20:1-17, 31:18

Today in Bible Study, campers are learning that truth comes from God. They will be reading in Exodus about how God gave people the Law and that God has the best plan for us in the story that He has written.

WORSHIP: Matthew 5:1-12, 17-20

In Worship today, we will hear the Camp Pastor read in Matthew 5 and tell us how Jesus taught with authority. Truth comes from what God says. Jesus came to fulfill the law and shows us that we can trust God to guide our lives.

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THE Author OF Truth

REMEMBER

Today, kids are learning that God is the Author of Truth! Campers have seen in TAWG & ICW that the Bible is trustworthy and given to us by God (2 Timothy 3:14-17). In Bible Study, campers learned that God gave Moses & the Israelites the Law as a standard of the true way to live (Exodus 20), and during Worship, we turned our attention to Matthew 5, where Jesus claims that He came not to tear down the Law but to fulfill it—something only He could do!

CONNECT

Instruct campers to get into their small groups. Remind them 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:

1. What was the best part of your day today?
2. What is something you learned or thought was interesting today?
3. If you were asked to make an 11th commandment, what would you choose? OR ask the 'Now What?' question.

LEARN

Play a game of "Truth or Not?" by reading statements and allowing campers to guess if those statements are true or not! Feel free to make it a competition between groups or let kids keep track of their own individual points. Choose your favorite statements if you don't have time for all of them.

TRUTH OR NOT STATEMENTS:

- Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins. **(TRUTH)**
- The first pizza delivery was in 1989. **(NOT—IT WAS IN 1889 IN NAPLES, ITALY!)**
- Cows have best friends and get stressed when separated. **(TRUTH)**
- Most people fall asleep in seven minutes. **(TRUTH)**
- There are only 5 escalators in the entire state of Wyoming. **(NOT—2!)**
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 21 seconds. **(NOT—IT'S ACTUALLY ONLY 13 SECONDS!)**
- Gorillas burp when they are happy. **(TRUTH)**
- The world's longest French Fry was 16 inches long. **(NOT—34 INCHES!)**
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out. **(TRUTH)**
- Canada produces about 80% of the world's maple syrup. **(TRUTH)**
- The world's longest cave system is in North Carolina. **(NOT—KENTUCKY)**
- New Zealand has more sheep than people. **(TRUTH)**
- On average, a person spends exactly 20 years sleeping. **(NOT - ABOUT 25!)**
- A group of pandas is called an embarrassment. **(TRUTH)**
- The NBA logo features a silhouette of Steph Curry. **(NOT—JERRY WEST)**

SAY: Great job determining what was true and what was not! In life, we often find ourselves having to decide if something is true or not. Is our friend telling us the truth? Is that post on social media real? Will our teeth fall out if we forget to brush them every night this week?! Knowing and obeying the truth is essential to living a life that follows God.

Today, we have learned that God is the Author of Truth. Truth starts with Him. God, the Storyteller, is holy, good, and always keeps His promises, even when we do not. God's Law shows us just how much we need Him as we go through life. Jesus showed His followers that He came to earth to fulfill the Law and to fulfill every promise God made about the Savior. He proved God's Word to be true!

READ: John 14:6

SAY: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Following Jesus' way and obeying His truth gives us a new life in Christ!

As time allows, walk through the gospel, emphasizing the importance of believing the truth of who God is and what He's done for us.

PRAY

Lead kids to spend a couple of moments silently confessing ways they have not followed God or trusted that He is the Author of Truth. Then pray, thanking God that He is trustworthy when we are not. Thank Him for sending Jesus to fulfill the Law perfectly in a way that we never could.

ANNOUNCE (OPTIONAL)

- Allow kids to give their Missions Offering money tonight. Let kids know that if they forgot their money, they can still bring it to you before Worship tomorrow night.
- Remind kids of all of the Evening Hang Time Options.
- Remind kids that tomorrow is OMC day! Encourage them to wear their team colors!
- Give instructions for when and where to meet in the morning.

THE Author OF Joy

BIBLE STUDY: Luke 15

In Bible Study, campers are going to hear about parables that Jesus talked about in Luke 15 and how there is abundant joy found in Christ. Campers will learn that even though things don't always go as we plan, there is always joy to be found in God's plan. Abundant joy is found in God's presence no matter what is going on around us.

WORSHIP: Acts 16

Tonight in Worship, campers will hear from the Camp Pastor about how Paul and Silas praised God even while they were imprisoned. They will learn that joy is rooted in who God is, and not the circumstances that we find ourselves in. God is the Author of Joy in all things!



There is no Adult Gathering in the auditorium today. We encourage you to join your kids during Indoor Recreation! The Camp Director will connect with Group Leaders and share any important announcements via GroupMe.

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.

**HANG TIME OPTIONS
DURING CHURCH GROUP TIME**

A large rectangular area with ten horizontal dotted lines for writing notes.

- Remind campers to have their luggage packed and ready to go in the morning. Tell them where to meet for loading.
- Give details about breakfast, keys, loading up, etc.

CHECK OUT DETAILS

Listen for your Camp Director to share these important details!

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REMEMBER

Today, kids are learning that God is the Author of Joy! Campers have seen in TAWG & ICW that true joy is found in the presence of God (Psalm 16:9-11), and that the Author of Joy Himself delights in us (Zephaniah 3:17)! In Bible Study, campers learned that God longs for us to trust Him and celebrates when we do (Luke 15:1-10), and during Worship, we turned to Acts 16:19-34 to see the unexpected joy that Paul and Silas had even when they were in prison!

CONNECT

Instruct campers to get into their small groups.

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

1. What was the best part of your day today?
2. What is something you learned or thought was interesting today?
3. If you could have anything or do anything you wanted in this world, what would you choose? What do you think would bring you the most joy? OR ask the 'Now What?' question.

LEARN

Allow a few kids to share what they think would bring them the most joy in life. Agree that there are some really good things in life, but remind them that God is the source of all these good things, and He is the Author of Joy!

ASK: Does anyone remember where we find abundant joy? **(GOD'S PRESENCE)** Let's see what Jesus had to say about finding complete joy.

READ: John 15:1-11

ASK:

1. What does Jesus compare Himself to in these verses? **(THE VINE)**
2. What does Jesus compare us to in these verses? **(BRANCHES)**
3. Can a branch produce good fruit when it isn't connected to the vine? **(NO!)**
4. Has anyone here ever left fruit out on the counter or in the fridge for too long? What happened to it? **(IT SPOILED)**
5. Why did it spoil instead of staying fresh and continuing to grow? **(BECAUSE IT WASN'T ATTACHED TO ITS SOURCE ANYMORE)**

Let's play a quick game to see who can stay connected to a branch the longest.

GAME: BRANCHES & VINES

SUPPLIES: 1 craft stick per kid

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Give campers one craft stick each and instruct them to balance it on the back of one of their hands. Explain that in this game, campers' arms are the vine and the craft sticks are the branches.
2. On "Go," campers will walk around the room trying to knock other campers' "branches" off their hands. Campers cannot hit other players—only their "branches".
3. The last camper to still be balancing the "branch" on his or her hand wins!

SAY: Great job! It was difficult to keep your vine and branches connected, wasn't it? Sometimes, it's like that in life, too. Jesus told us to remain in Him. Whether things are good and sunny or sad and stormy, staying connected to Him is how we grow good fruit. Just like fruit must be attached to its source to remain healthy, we must remain attached to our vine, Jesus, who is our source of life! Remaining in Him is how our joy can be complete!

PRAY

Pray that God would help each camper in your group remain in Him and bear good fruit. Pray for the journey home and that campers would know and love the Storyteller more and more for the rest of their lives.

ANNOUNCE (OPTIONAL)

- Thank the group for being so much fun this week! Let them know how much you loved learning about the Storyteller with them.
- Ask your church group host share their testimony.
- Remind kids of all of the Evening Hang Time Options.
- Give any instructions needed for packing up rooms, loading up luggage in cars, and turning in keys tomorrow morning.



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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?
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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 campers or their parents. Consider creating a challenge for the campers to complete and have another daily devotional ready to give them or recommend to them.
- Group Leaders will receive an end-of-week evaluation via GroupMe on the last day. Please take the time to give us your feedback on your time at camp.



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 "Group Leader" is the one, main adult who is responsible for leading and organizing your group.

TAWG An acronym for "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 participate in 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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