



Four Keys for Practicing Faith

Caring Conversations:

Talk about:

- Youth: Something I look forward to at camp is...
- Adult: Something I look forward to for you at camp is...
- A few things I'll/you'll take to camp with me/you are...

Devotions:

"I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth more than birds? Can worry make you live longer? Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They don't work hard to make their clothes. But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well clothed as one of them. God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow. He will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith? Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today." Matthew 6:25-34 (CEV)

- What worries you about going away to camp?
- Share about a time when you were worried about going away from home.
- How were you able to get through the fear?

OR

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me." — Matthew 10:40 (CEV)

- When have you felt welcomed somewhere other than at home (at church, church school, school, etc.)?
- How could you be welcoming to others while you're at camp?
- According to the promises you were given at baptism, who is with you no matter where you go?

Service:

- Pray for the camp staff: counselors, cooks, maintenance workers, lifeguards, office staff, administrators.
- Purchase or make thank you cards to use throughout the week and give them to camp staff.

Rituals and Traditions:

Pray together:

Dear Lord, going to camp can be an important part of growing up and learning of God's love away from home and congregation. Bless all campers, camp counselors, family and friends with the peace that passes all human understanding. Reunite all campers and families in safety and in the joy of your presence. Amen.

Get out something that you will bring to camp that will cover you: a sleeping bag, backpack, even sunscreen or bug spray will work!

Bless one another saying: "May you know you are covered in God's grace."

Camper: when you use that sleeping bag, backpack, sunscreen or bug spray, remember your blessing!