

# Hope's Haven

Summer Camp 2021



Mentor/Guide Bible Study Handbook

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CAMP THEME VERSE**

*1 Peter 1:7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.*

### **Day 1 – Race with Perseverance**

*Philippians 3:14 I press toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

**Campfire Testimony:** Prepare a testimony about a time when you had a problem and how God helped you persevere (or if you had trusted God to help you through, your situation would have ended up better.)

### **Day 2 – Race with Wisdom and Strength!**

*James 1:5 If any of you lacks in wisdom, you should ask God, who will give generously to all without fault, and it will be given to you.*

**Campfire Testimony: Prepare your Salvation Story.**

### **Day 3 – Race with Courage and Trust!**

*Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?*

**Campfire Testimony:** Prepare a testimony about fear and/or forgiveness.  
Pinecone ceremony.

### **Day 4 – Race to Seek God**

*1 Chronicles 16:11 Look to the Lord and His strength;  
seek his face always.*

**No Campfire**

# Why Should I Become a Christian?

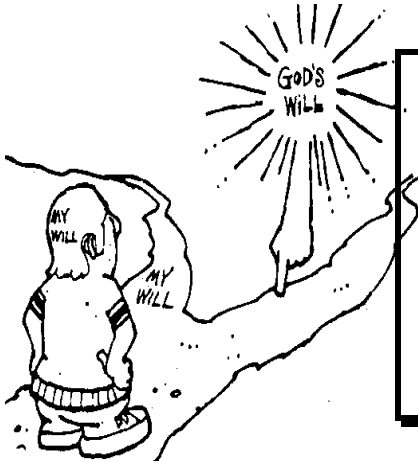
## **To Know God's Love and Forgiveness!**

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." --John 3:16



## **To Receive God's Help Each Day! God is a Loving Father Who Will Help You, Guide You and Protect You!**

'For I know the plans I have for you', says the LORD. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope'." --Jeremiah 29:11



## **To Live Right! God's Ways Are Best and He Will Give You The Strength to Do It!**

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." --Philippians 4:13



## **To Have a Real Home in Heaven! A Forever Place of God's Goodness, No Sadness or Suffering!**

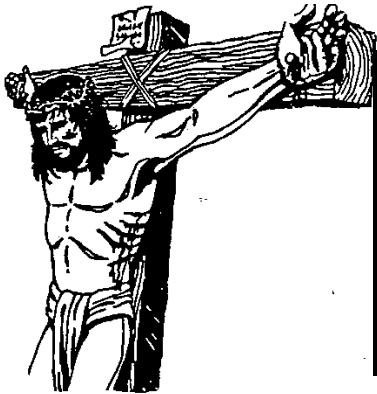
"I am going to prepare a place for you." --John 14:2  
"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." --Revelation 21:4



# How Do I Become a Christian?

## **Realize Your Sins Have Separated You From God!**

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." --Romans 3:23

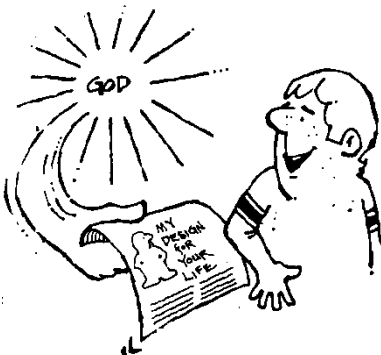
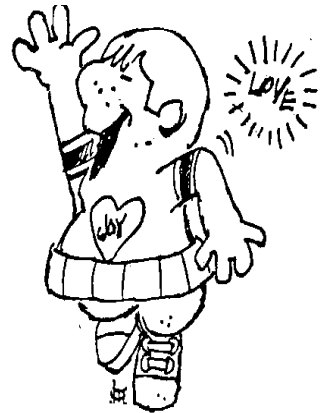


## **Know That Jesus' Death on the Cross Paid the Penalty for Your Sins! He Took the Punishment We Deserved!**

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." --Romans 5:8

## **Know that Jesus Rose From the Grave And Conquered Death! Believe in Jesus! Ask Him To Forgive You & Make You New!**

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun." --2 Corinthians 5:17



## **Grow In Jesus! Live Each Day With Him! Pray & Read The Bible Daily!**

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him." --Colossians 2:6

## **Got Questions? (For Staff)**

As Mentors and Staff, we do not have all the answers...no one does. Times are turbulent and confusing, especially for children and teens. We hope to give them an opportunity to talk about the things that are on their mind....and listen. We point them to the one who loves them with a love greater than any human being, other than Jesus, ever could. We agree that times are scary, but the one who saves us has a plan. We point them to God's Word, pray WITH them and FOR them. We let them know we love them and are glad they are here.

### **Is the devil for real? How do I fight against him?**

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be alert and sober minded

Ephesians 6:10-18 Put on the full armor of God

James 4:7 Resist the devil

### **How do I become a Christian?**

Romans 5:8 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but by his mercy

Romans 6:23 The gift of God is eternal life

### **If God loves us, why do bad things happen to people?**

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God

Romans 5:3 Suffering produces perseverance

Romans 8:28 In all things God works for good all those who love him

John 16:33 I have overcome the world

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes

### **Shouldn't abortion be a woman's choice?**

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

Psalms 139:13-16 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made

Psalms 127:3 Children are a heritage from the Lord

**What does the Bible say about homosexuality?** Homosexuality is a sin...along with many other sins. However, it is not an unforgivable sin. At Hope's Haven, we minister to children....some of whom have been sexually abused. Our goal is to tell them what the Bible says and plant seeds. Taking a gentler approach, while never wavering from God's Word, is our goal at camp. We need to pray that God will open their eyes and hearts to his Word and what he wants for them in their lives.

Genesis 1:27 He created them male and female

Genesis 2:24 They become one flesh

Mark 10:6-9 In the beginning God made them male and female

### **What's the difference between creation and evolution?**

Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:27 He created them male and female.

Hebrews 3:4 God is the builder of everything

Psalms 124:8 ....the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

### **Adults don't really understand kids. Things are different now.**

Ecclesiastes 1:4-9 There is nothing new under the sun.

**Will God forgive people who sin?**

1 John 1:9 He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.

Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions

Ephesians 4:32 forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you

**How do I tell others about God?**

Luke 8:39 Tell how much God has done for you

Acts 1:8 The Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses

1 Peter 3:15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

**How do I make and keep good friends?**

Proverbs 16:7 When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them.

Hebrews 10:24 Spur one another on to love and good deeds.

Proverbs 12:26 The righteous choose their friends carefully

**What does the Bible say about drinking and drugs?**

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine.....be filled with the Holy Spirit

Proverbs 23:29-35 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? ...don't even look at that colorful stuff bubbling in the glass.

1 Corinthians 6:12 I have the right to do everything....but not everything is beneficial

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink...do it all for the glory of God

**What does the Bible say will happen in the future?**

1 Corinthians 2:9 ....the things God has prepared for those who love them

Romans 8:28 ...God works for the good of those who love him

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes

Titus 1:2 In the hope of eternal life.....

## 2021 Staff To-Do List at Camp

Complete the 'Tell Us About Yourself' with your camper Day 1.

Write a birthday card insert.

Write a Christmas card insert.

Write a 'Letter from your Mentor' in the back of the Camper Handbook.

Pick a Character Card (2 copies with camper name on back-one will go in their b-day card.

## 2021 STAFF ONE-ON-ONE QUESTIONS OR CABIN DEVOTIONS

### Questions for One-on-One or Cabin Devotions - Day 1

1. What did you enjoy most today?
2. Who are some new friends you made?
3. What did you learn from the story of Daniel?
4. Have you ever run in a race?

### Questions for One-on-One or Cabin Devotions - Day 2

1. What's your favorite movie?
2. What superpower would you like to have? Why?
3. What did you learn from the story of Daniel?
4. What is something you can do if you're not sure what choice to make?
5. Have you ever made a decision to follow Jesus?

### Questions for One-on-One or Cabin Devotions - Day 3

1. Have you been to other summer camps before? What do you remember?
2. What part of camp do you like best?
3. What did you learn from the story of Daniel?
4. Why is forgiving so difficult? How does it help YOU to forgive someone?

### Questions for One-on-One - Day 4

1. What's your favorite memory from camp this week?
2. How would you rate the food?
3. How can trials draw us closer to God?
4. What can you do to stay strong in the Lord and make good decisions when you are at home?

## Group Bible Study Day 1 - Perseverance

### REVIEW BIBLE VERSE

- **Say:** Daniel was around 13-15 years old when he was taken captive. They had everything going for them
- **Camper read Daniel 1:3 What kind of background did the men have?**
  - Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility
    - **Ask:** What do you think their lives were like, living in a royal family?
- **Camper read Daniel 1:4 What kind of men was the king looking for?**
  - young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.
- **Say:** Then they were removed from their family and their land.
  - The life they knew as part of the royal family was gone.
  - Their names were changed.
  - They were told that the rest of their life would be as **servants** of the king
- **Camp Handbook:** Camper or Staff read definition of **PERSEVERANCE**.
  - **Ask:** Has there ever been a time when that happened to you? Where you continued doing something even though it was hard, or someone said you couldn't? (**Mentor: Have a story from your life ready to talk about, if needed.**)
  - **Camper read Galatians 6:9** and fill in the blanks in their **Camper Handbook**.
    - **Say:** Daniel wanted to eat vegetables and drink water. There were certain foods they were not supposed to eat that the King wanted them to eat.
  - **Ask:** What happened to Daniel and his friends when they ate only vegetables?
  - **Camper Read:** Daniel 1:15
    - At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.
- **Say:** After he was taken captive, Daniel had a choice.
  - He could fight, and he could be angry. But instead, he followed what he thought God would want him to do.
  - What did God do for Daniel, Shadrach, Messchach, and Abednego?
- **Camper Read:** Daniel 1:17 and fill in the blanks in **Camper Handbook**.
  - To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.
    - **Say:** Daniel didn't know it yet, but God gave him these abilities for a specific reason, which you will learn more about tomorrow.
- If you could have any ability, what would it be and why?
- If time, look up **Galatians 6:9** and fill in the blanks in **Camper Handbook**.

### PRAY BEFORE DISMISSING.



# Day 1 - Race with Perseverance

Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



**To persevere means: To do something even though it is hard, and to keep doing it even though you may fail or others may tell you that you can't.**

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become \_\_\_\_\_ in doing \_\_\_\_\_.

We make choices every day. Some choices are easy: getting up, brushing our teeth, going to school.

Some choices are more difficult: eat healthy like Daniel or eat junk food, obey or disobey, give in to peer pressure or stand firm in what is right.

Have you ever made a bad choice? (We all have!)

So.....how do I know what is the right choice? \_\_\_\_\_



**READ PHILIPPIANS 4:8**  
**IS IT.....**

- ☐ TRUE?
- ☐ NOBLE?
- ☐ RIGHT?
- ☐ LOVELY?
- ☐ ADMIRABLE?
- ☐ EXCELLENT?
- ☐ PRAISEWORTHY?



Daniel and his friends ate the food and drank water which was pleasing to God. What did God do for them?

Daniel 1:17 To these four young men God gave

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all kinds.

## Group Bible Study Day 2 – Wisdom & Strength

**Have an arm wrestle competition, trying to pair people up that are similar in strength. Have the non-participants cheer on the others.** (If you find that all the campers are cheering on one particular participant, have some staff cheer for the other participant.)

### How can you tell if someone is strong?

- Allow campers to explore different types of strength: Physical, mental, and emotional
- How does our society view people that appear to be weak: Physical, mental, emotional

**Camper Read:** 2 Corinthians 12:10 (This is the apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians.

- "That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."
  - **Ask:** None of us likes to be insulted and persecuted. How do you think you would respond if someone was making fun of you and insulting you?
  - **Answer:** Paul is saying that when we follow Jesus, sometimes people will say we are weak or foolish and insult us. When we go through these hardships, we may feel weak. But we are strong because Jesus gives us the strength we need and we can find contentment in living our lives for Christ.

**Camper Read:** 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 and fill in the blanks in **Camper Handbook**.

- Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. <sup>14</sup> Do everything in love.
  - **Say:** There are different kinds of strength. We started out by talking about physical strength. But here, God is talking about spiritual strength. And He ends the verse by telling us to do everything in love.
  - **Read:** Paragraph under verse in Handbook.

## REVIEW BIBLE VERSE

**Camper Handbook:** Read the paragraph about training.

**Say:** Let's talk about wisdom. In yesterday's Bible study we learned that Daniel was obedient to God, and God gave him something in return. Does anyone remember what it was?

- **Answers:** Knowledge, Understand, Ability to interpret Visions and Dreams

**Camper Handbook Day 2:**

- In the Bible, wisdom means that we understand life from God's perspective, not our own.
- In our story today, Daniel thanks God for giving him wisdom and strength.
- **Camper Read:** James 1:5 and fill in the blank in the **Camper Handbook**.
  - If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
- What is the first step in getting Wisdom?
  - **Camper Read:** Proverbs 9:10 In this verse '**fear**' means '**deep respect, awe, reverence**'. You need to have reverence for God to get wisdom from God.

## PRAY BEFORE DISMISSING

## Day 2 - Race with Wisdom and Strength!

James 1:5 If any of you lacks in wisdom, you should ask God, who will give generously to all without fault, and it will be given to you.



In our story today, Daniel thanks God for giving him wisdom and strength.

What does James 1:5 say about where wisdom comes from?

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EPH. 5:15-16

Be **very careful** how you live - not as **unwise** but as **wise**, making the **most** of **every** opportunity, because the days are **evil**.



As we are training for our spiritual Olympics, we see that winning the prize is more than lifting heavy weights and running fast. Becoming a Christian is not the end of the race, it is just the beginning.

We need to continually ask God for wisdom to make right choices and persevere when making the right choice is not easy.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Be on your \_\_\_\_\_ stand \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith. Be \_\_\_\_\_; be \_\_\_\_\_. Do everything in \_\_\_\_\_.

We can be strong without being mean. We can be firm without being stubborn. God wants us to use our strength for good.



## Group Bible Study Day 3 - Courage & Trust

### Review Bible Verse

#### Camper Handbook – Read about Fear and Trust and the Bible verse that is in Handbook.

- As if anyone (including staff) ever had a time that they trusted someone only to be let down?
- After everything that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had been through, what people do you think they trusted? **(Possible Answers: No one, only each other, God)**
- Shadrach, Meschach, & Abedinego were able to trust God completely. The trusted him even through this scary situation. Why can we trust God?
- **Camper or Staff Read: Matthew 6:25-26**
  - Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?
- **Ask:** Why do you think God tells us NOT to worry?
  - We are supposed to trust in God, so when we worry, we are not trusting in Him.
- **Ask:** If we find ourselves worrying, what can we do? **(Possible Answers:** Go for a walk, pray, talk to a friend)
- **Camper or Staff Read:** Philippians 4:6 and fill in the blanks in **Camper Handbook**.
  - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- **Ask:** How many of you carry around heavy backpacks filled with books? **(If you want to prepare for this study, fill a backpack with books that you will take out during discussion.)**
- **Say:** Worry is like that heavy backpack. You are trying to lug around all these heavy burdens and fears. **(Start unloading books.)**
- **Ask:** When you take your heavy books out and carry the backpack almost empty, how does it feel now?
  - (Possible Answers) Light, easy to carry
- **Camper or Staff Read:** Matthew 11:28 and fill in the blanks in **Camper Handbook**
  - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- **Ask:** God wants us to come to him when we are having a tough time. Have you been worrying about things? How does worrying make you feel physically and emotionally? (Allow answers)
- **Say:** Trusting God makes us feel comfort and peace.

### Close in Prayer

## Day 3 - Race with Courage and Trust!

Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation  
- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold  
of my life- of whom shall I be afraid?



**Fear and Trust are a BIG words! Have you ever trusted someone, only to be let down? There is only one who will never let you down and that you can FULLY trust.**

*When I am afraid,  
**I put my trust in YOU.**  
*In God, whose word I praise.*  
**In God I trust**  
*and*  
**am not afraid.***

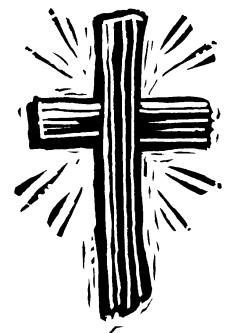
*Psalm 56:3, 4*



As we continue training for our spiritual Olympics, we are learning that we can 'press on' in our relationship with Jesus. We can ask for wisdom and knowledge to help us make the right choices. We can make those choices without fear and trust that God will be with us.

**We are Going for the Gold!**

Philippians 4:6 Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ about  
\_\_\_\_\_, but in every situation, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and petition, with  
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\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.



**Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all you who are  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and  
I will give you \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jesus wants us to lay our heavy backpacks  
of worry down and rest in Him.