

SUMMER 2014



SHARPEN YOUR
SWORD



CAMPER NAME

Resident Camp Schedule

6:30 Rise and Shine
6:45 Calisthenics
7:00 Polar Bear
7:20 Personal and Cabin Clean-up
7:45 Colors
8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Personal Bible Study
9:00 Assembly I
9:15 Activity I
10:15 Activity II
11:15 Activity III
12:15 Lunch
1:00 Rest Hour
2:00 Snack Shack
2:30 Assembly II
2:45 Afternoon Activity
4:30 Free Swim
5:30 Supper

Schedule A (Mon./Tues Thurs)

6:15 Snack-Shack
6:45 Evening games
7:45 Colors
8:00 Campfire
9:15 Bed prep
9:30 Cabin Devotions
10:00 Lights-out

Schedule B (Sun, Wed)

6:15 Evening games
7:15 Colors
7:30 Campfire
8:45 Night Game
9:30 Bed Prep
9:45 Cabin Devotions
10:15 Lights Out

Answer Key

New Testament Bible trivia:

1) a 2) c 3) c 4) b 5) c 6) b 7) c 8) b

Old Testament trivia:

1) a 2) c 3) c 4) c 5) c 6) c 7) a 8) b

Welcome to Cedar Lake Camp!

Whether you're a first-timer or a veteran camper, this will be a week filled with **fun, excitement, and building friendships** that you'll never forget! Most importantly, you will have an opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord.

This booklet is yours to keep as a reminder of your week at camp. There is space in the back for friends' names and contact info as well as games and activities for rainy days and rest hour. This book also contains your Bible memory verses and study questions. Every day there is time set aside for you to read, study, and memorize God's Word.

There is a counselor and junior counselor in your cabin. They are excited you are here and glad to be your leaders for the week. They want you to have fun, be safe, and above all learn more about the Lord. **They are your leaders for the week and you are under their authority.** It is important that you listen to them and respect them to ensure the best week possible.

We're going to have so much fun this week! I encourage you to participate in all the activities, make new friends, and grow in your relationship with the Lord Jesus. **I'm so glad you're spending a week with us here at Cedar Lake Camp!**

-Ryan Higgins
Camp Director

Bible Award

You will earn your Bible Award if you do all of your daily readings, answer the questions correctly, and memorize the verse for each day. The "Digging Deeper" section is not necessary for your Bible award but I do encourage you to complete the section and "dig deeper!" The **Bonus verses** are for extra points. For those who like a challenge, try the **Bible Scholar** verses. For those who are Bible memorizing machines or just set on winning

Sunday memory verses:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Romans 10:13 " For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Bonus memory verses:

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 10:9-10 "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Bible Scholar memory verses: (look up in your own Bible)

Isaiah 53:3-6

Bible Freak memory verses: (look up in your Bible)

Psalms 23

Bible Trivia- New Testament

Circle the right answer. Answers are in the back (but don't look yet!).

- 1) Which angel visited Mary to tell her she would be the mother of the Savior?
A) Gabriel B) Michael C) Angel of the Lord
- 2) When tempted by Satan, Jesus used what weapon to rebuke Satan?
A) gun B) rock C) Bible verses
- 3) Jesus said "My yoke is easy and burden is _____."
A) big B) heavy C) light
- 4) "Let the _____ come to me, for to such belongs the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:14)
A) little dogs B) computer geeks C) little children
- 5) The apostle Matthew (Levi) had what job?
A) plumber B) electrician C) tax collector
- 6) Jesus said the kingdom of Heaven is like a _____ seed, though the smallest of seeds grows into the largest garden plant, giving branches for birds to make nests in its shade?
A) sunflower B) sesame C) mustard
- 7) Whom did the Jews release at Jesus' trial instead of Jesus?
A) Barabbas B) Silas C) Peter
- 8) After His resurrection, Jesus walked with two disciples who didn't recognize Him. The road led to which town?
A) Jerusalem B) Emmaus C) Nashville

Write Your Own Worship Song

Did you know some of the Psalms are actually songs? Read some of the headers on the Psalms and they say "A song of David" and some even tell which instruments to use for that song.

Many of the great hymns throughout history as well as modern worship songs are based on Scripture. See if you can write your own worship song using Bible verses or phrases in the lyrics.

Sharpen Your Sword!

Did you know you are in a battle? Whether you realize it or not, we are engaged in warfare everyday. I'm not talking about hand-to-hand combat, carrying a machine gun or firing a missile. Those wars do exist but I'm talking about another kind of war- a spiritual war.

The Bible tells us that our war is "not against flesh and blood...but against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against spiritual forces of evil..." (Eph 6:12). We who believe in Jesus Christ have a fight on our hands. Read the end of the Bible- God wins the war! But in the meantime we must stand with Jesus to have victory over the enemy, Satan, in our families, schools, country, and in our own hearts. **Winning is impossible except by believing and trusting in Jesus Christ.**

When we believe in Jesus and surrender ourselves to Him, He enables us to live with victory. He, in essence, gives us weapons with which to fight! One of those weapons is the *Word of God*, the Bible itself. The Bible refers to itself as a sword. **That's the focus of this week- sharpening your sword so that you may have victory!**

Bible Trivia- Old Testament

Monday- Bible 101

Devotion Starter: Do you know what the all-time best selling book in history is? The Bible! More copies of the Bible have been produced than any other book in history. But more than that is the Bible's revelation of God- specific knowledge of Jesus Christ who was God in human form. The Bible is our ultimate source of absolute truth. Since God is the final author and God is perfect, we can trust the Bible to have only truth and no errors or contradictions. God, in His love, gave us the Bible to help us know Him. Let us first see what the Bible says about itself.

Read Hebrews 4:12-13.

- 1) What does it mean for the Word of God to be living and active?
- 2) How can a word be "sharp"?
- 3) What does the Word of God judge?
- 4) Look at Proverbs 30:5. Every word of God is what? He shields those who do what?
- 5) Read Isaiah 40:8. How long does the word of God stand?
- 6) Do you have a favorite verse that you cling to or often find hope in? What is it?

The following pages have activities and games for you to complete on your own during rain days, rest hour, at your house, or any other time you wish. Have fun!!!

Circle the right answer. Answers are in the back (but don't look yet!).

- 1) What did God give Moses on top of Mt. Sinai?
A) the 10 Commandments B) a staff C) water
- 2) Psalm 119:105 says "Your word is _____ unto my feet and a light unto my path."
A) ointment B) a rock C) a lamp
- 3) Which book of the Bible has the most chapters with 150?
A) Genesis B) Isaiah C) Psalms
- 4) Which river did the Israelites cross to enter the Promised Land?
A) Nile B) Jordan C) Mississippi
- 5) What odd weapon did Samson use to kill 1000 Philistines?
A) tube sock with flour B) pool noodle C) donkey jawbone
- 6) Which prophet and judge anointed the first 2 kings of Israel?
A) Jeremiah B) Samuel C) Joshua
- 7) What was the name of King David's son who became king after him?
A) Absalom B) Amnon C) Solomon
- 8) According to Micah 5:2, a ruler over Israel will come forth, whose days are from eternity and will be born in what town?
A) Zerapheth B) Bethlehem C) Nazareth

Monday -Digging Deeper

Saturday

I hope your "sword" was sharpened this week! That is, I hope you not only learned more about the Bible but actually learned the Bible. Remember, the Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God! Let us memorize it, mind it, minister with it, make music with it and love it! You might even consider being a true Bible freak and memorizing large portions of Scripture such as the Sermon on the Mount or entire books such as Colossians.

As you return home, I challenge you to finish this booklet in its entirety if you were unable to do so during the week. Also, keep memorizing the Bible! Psalm 119:9 and 11 says, "How can a young man (or lady) keep his way pure? By living according to your word...I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

I hope your week at camp was both fun and encouraging in your walk with the Lord Jesus. All of life revolves around Him. God loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son to show us the way and then die in our place on a cross. If we will repent of our sins and invite Him to be the Lord of our lives, He promises to walk with us through this life and then let us be with Him forever in Heaven.

I am so glad you spent a week with us at Cedar Lake Camp! Have a great rest of the summer.

Come back next year!!!

-Ryan Higgins
Camp Director

We live in a world that does not want to acknowledge absolute truth. ***Absolute truth*** means that something is true for everyone all the time, no matter what. Many people will say, "That's true for you but not for me." This is called *relative truth*. But the *truth* is, there is no relative truth! If it's true for you, it's true for me too! I'll show you.

What is 2+2? We all know it's 4.

What if I say it's 5? Does that change the truth?

Truth is truth, no matter what I say. Remember Proverbs 30:5? Every word of God is true! Whether you accept it or reject it- truth is truth.

Can you think of any so-called "controversial" topics in our society today? (Something people frequently debate about.) List a few.

I challenge and encourage you to look to the Bible for the answers on those topics. There is no controversy there! If the Bible says abortion is wrong then it is wrong. If the Bible says homosexuality is wrong then it is wrong. End of debate.

Isn't it great we have the guidebook on all truth right at our fingertips? Praise God for the Bible!

Monday Memory Verses

Memory verse

Proverbs 30:5 "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in Him."

Joshua 1:8 "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Bonus verses

Hebrews 4:12-13 "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the divisions of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13** and no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Bible Scholar verses

1 John 2:1-6 (look up in your own Bible)

Bible Freak verses

Ephesians 6:10-20 (look up in your own Bible)

Friday Memory Verses

Memory verses:

Romans 10:17 "So faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Bonus verses

Hebrews 12: 1-3 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings to closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

Bible Scholar verses:

Colossians 1:15-20 (look up in your own Bible)

Bible Freak verses:

John 1:1-14 (look up in your own Bible)

Tuesday- In the Beginning

Friday- Digging Deeper (cont'd)

Look at Jn 1:16. John was writing to those who had seen Jesus, believed and received His grace. Can you say you have received His grace? Can you say you "walk" with Him daily?

If you know Him then I encourage you to put on the full armor of God (Eph 6:10-18) and "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength" and obey all that He commands us.

If you don't know Christ, I encourage you to repent of your sins and commit your life to the One who loves you and died for you. Romans 10:9-10, 13 tells us quite simply how to be saved. That is, trust in Jesus. "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. For with your heart you believe and are justified and with your mouth you confess and are saved...For everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved."

Please remember, you can always talk to your counselor or any leader here about Jesus.

Devotion Starter: Did you know God created the entire universe by *speaking* it into existence, that is, through the word of God? He didn't have to drive to the hardware store or ask a neighbor to help Him build the universe. He simply spoke and it was. Now that's power! When God speaks it is always important. That's why we take every word of the Bible seriously- because it is the Word of God.

Read Genesis Chapters 1 and 2.

- 1) How many times do you see the phrase "and God said"?
- 2) As God created, did He see that creation was good or bad?
- 3) Did it stay good? Why not?
- 4) Do you think Adam and Eve took God's command seriously?
- 5) What are some of the dangers of not listening to God's word in our own lives?
- 6) **Read Hebrews 11:3.** This reaffirms Genesis chapter 1. The universe was created by God's word. ("*Uni*" means *single* or *one* + "*verse*" means a *spoken sentence*= "*Universe*" means a *single spoken sentence*. "*And God said...*") How do we know God created the universe by His word? By faith. For a definition of faith see Hebrews 11:1.

Tuesday—Digging Deeper

When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God, they were separated from God. They tried to fix their own mistake by covering their nakedness. How did they attempt to do this?

Because God is holy, He cannot allow sin to go unpunished, so in His love He made a sacrifice on their behalf. He sacrificed an animal to make clothes for them. This is important because until then, death had not entered the world. Their sin brought death into the world (see Romans 5:12). Also know this: this would not be the last time God made a sacrifice to pay for sin.

Were their own efforts enough to fix the problem and satisfy God's wrath?

Can we pay for our own sin ourselves? (Check out Romans 3:20 and Galatians 2:16).

Tuesday Memory Verses

Memory verse: Psalm 119:9 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."

Bonus verse: Psalm 119:10-11 "With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Bible Scholar verses: Ephesians 2:8-10 AND 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (look up in your own Bible)

Bible Freak verses: 2 Timothy 4:1-5 AND Philippians 2:1-11 (look up in your own Bible)

Friday- Digging Deeper

John wrote in the immediate context to those who had actually seen Jesus (vs 14) "We have seen...". Not heard of, but *seen*. Wouldn't it have been great to see Jesus like the disciples did? To have personal contact with God Almighty in human form! What a special privilege they received who actually got to see Jesus in the flesh! Yet, for many, this did little good towards the conversion of their hearts. Even though many saw Him, few truly followed Him. In one case Jesus healed ten lepers and only one returned to give thanks. Many heard Jesus teach, counted the cost of being a disciple, and decided it was not worth following Jesus. They never realized Who was standing before them. Even the Pharisees, experts in the Old Testament, did not recognize the Messiah, long foretold of in the Scriptures. The Apostle Thomas needed proof of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus said "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (Jn 20:29).

So how do we "see" His glory today? *Through faith*. By trusting in Jesus for forgiveness of sins, committing our lives to Him, and "walking" and "living" with Him daily through prayer, Bible study, worship and life's situations. The Holy Spirit connects us to Christ and allows us to fellowship with Him, having victory of sin and all attacks from our Enemy the devil.

What are the two greatest weapons and tools we have as believers? *The Word of God (the Bible) and the Word who became Flesh (Jesus)*

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Friday-The Word Becomes Flesh

Devotion starter: Most of us are familiar with the story of Jesus' birth. God chose a young lady, Mary, who miraculously conceived and gave birth to Jesus. But this was only the beginning of His *earthly* existence- not the creation of His existence. He existed with God in Heaven before His birth on earth, in fact, before the earth was ever created. The reason is that Jesus *is* God. It's important we recognize that when Jesus was born, what really happened is God became a human and lived and walked among us.

That is awesome!!!

Read John 1:1-14

- 1) Look at Jn 1:1-2. List out the four things these verses say about the Word.
- 2) What things were made through Him and what things have life because of Him? (vs 3-4)
- 3) Did His own creation or people recognize or receive Him? (vs 10-11)
- 4) For those who do believe in His Name, what does God do for them? (vs 12-13)
- 5) The Word became flesh, taking human form. What is His Name? (vs 14)

Wednesday- The Law

Devotion Starter: The first five books of the Bible are known as the Law or *Torah* in Hebrew. These books contain the early history of the Israelites. Within that history was a special event- God gave the Law to the Israelites. The purpose of the Law was to help the Israelites be prosperous in the land, provide a standard of ethics and health, separate Israel from other nations, guide them in worship, and reveal their sin.

We are not under the Law as Gentiles but under grace thanks to Jesus Christ. The Law is no longer written on stone tablets but instead on the hearts of those who believe in Jesus.

Read Exodus 19:1 through 20:21 as introduction. This is the giving of the 10 Commandments and part of the Law.

- 1) According to Ex. 19:5, what did the Israelites need to do to be God's treasured possession?
- 2) Now read Ex 32:1-4. Were the Israelites faithful to God?
- 3) Check out Romans 3:20. "By the works of the Law no person will be _____ in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of _____.
- 4) Romans 10:4 says "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who _____.
- 5) Can anyone besides Jesus keep the law perfectly? Have you ever found yourself trying to earn God's favor by being good?

Wednesday- Digging Deeper

Moses summarized the Law like this: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and might" (Dt 6:5). When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment He said the same thing and said the second greatest commandment was to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mt 22:37-40). All the law and prophets hang on those two commands.

Jesus cut to the heart of the Law like this: "You have heard it was said 'Do not commit adultery.' but I say to you whoever looks...with lust has already committed adultery in his heart."

Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the law for us. By having faith in Him, the wrath of God is satisfied against our sin because Jesus paid the penalty of sin for us. We are justified before God because of what Jesus did for us.

Look at 1 John 2:3. How do we know that we have come to know Jesus?

According to 1 Jn 5:2-3, how do we know that we love the children of God and God Himself? Are His commands easy or hard?

Read 1 Jn 3:23. How does John summarize the teaching of Jesus?

Finally, look at Matthew 11:28-30. How can Jesus say His burden is light when life is so hard, you might ask. He was not referring to life's hardships. The Bible promises we will have those. In fact, the Bible says, Christians will have a harder life than others (see Jesus, Paul, and Peter). But Jesus' burden is light compared to the works-based system of the Pharisees. Jesus fulfilled the law perfectly through His obedience which is applied to us through faith. A life of faith is much better than self-righteousness trying to earn God's favor through good deeds (which can never be done). Our obedience becomes our "spiritual act of worship" (Rom 12:1). God's commands are delightful when we love God. David delighted in God's law "hiding it in his heart." God said David was a man after His own heart.

Examine your own heart. Do you find it delightful or burdensome to follow God?

Thursday Memory Verses

Memory verse:

James 1:22 "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Bonus verses:

1 John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world-the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions-is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

Bible Scholar verses:

Revelation 19:11-16 (look up in your own Bible)

Bible Freak verses:

Mark 4:1-20 (look up in your own Bible)

Wednesday Memory Verses

Thursday- Digging Deeper

- 7) Do I get excited about God on Sundays and Wednesday nights but can't seem to stay excited throughout the week?
- 8) Have I ever felt convicted of my own sin?
- 9) Have I ever confessed and repented of my sin before God, asking His forgiveness and thereby being saved?
- 10) Have I ever consciously committed my life to Jesus Christ and His ways?
- 11) Was I once excited about God but don't have a zeal for Him anymore?
- 12) Is sports or video games or dance or anything more important to me than my relationship with Jesus?
- 13) Do I allow my day to day worries to rob me of joy and my effectiveness for Christ?
- 14) Is there a time when I have heard the Word of God and applied it to my life?

Hopefully these questions have helped you determine the condition of your heart in receiving and applying the Word of God. If you don't think your heart is fertile soil then ask God, indeed plead with God, to prepare your heart and life to be a recipient of His Word so that you may go on to love and good deeds, glorifying Jesus Christ in all things.

Memory Verse:

Romans 3:20 "For by the works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."

Bonus memory verses:

Romans 10:4 "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

Bible Scholar verses:

Romans 12:1-2 (look up in your own Bible)

Revelation 6:9

Revelation 20:4

Revelation 22:18-19

Bible Freak verses:

1 John 5 (the whole chapter) (look up in your own Bible)

Thursday- Parable of the Sower

Devotion Starter: There were a lot of people who literally followed Jesus. He was quite popular. When He came into a village crowds would often gather around Him. But they all came to Him for different reasons. Some to see a miracle. Some to be healed. Some to see a famous person. Some to test Him. Some to hear Him teach. Some because they simply loved Him. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus gives us four types of people who hear the Word of God and their responses to it.

Read Luke 8:4-15. (Also found in Matthew 13:1-23 and Mark 4:1-20)

- 1) Where is the first place the "seed" (the Word of God) falls? What happens to the seed? (Mt 13:4)
- 2) What *really* happened to the seed or word of God that fell on the path? (Mt 13:18-19)
- 3) What happened to the seed that sprang up on rocky soil? Why? (Mt 13:5-6, 20-21)
- 4) For seed that grew among thorns, what do the thorns represent? (Mt 13:7, 22)
- 5) What are some "thorns" in your life that "choke out" or hinder you from fully following God?
- 6) For those who hear and understand the Word of God, they will produce _____. This doesn't mean apples and oranges! Can you think of examples of spiritual fruit produced by letting the Word of God "grow" in their lives? (See also Galatians 5:22-26).

Thursday- Digging Deeper

Let's use the Scriptures to examine our hearts. Obviously, based on the parable, we want the "soil" of our hearts to be good and fertile soil. That is, we want to be ready to receive the Word of God and let it produce much fruit in our lives.

Use the questions below to gauge which type "soil" your heart is. Ask God for His help in this exercise. Only He can prepare you to receive the Word of God and bear fruit in it. This exercise is between you and God.

- 1) How often do I read the Bible?
- 2) When I read the Bible I: (check all that apply)
____am fascinated ____am convicted ____get sleepy
____treasure it ____get bored ____memorize it
____research confusing parts ____share what I've read w/friends
- 3) If I get confused reading the Bible or listening to a sermon, do you try to figure it out and "get to the bottom of it"?
- 4) When I read the Bible and its applications, do I ignore it or try to figure out how to apply in my life?
- 5) How often do you pray for those who don't know Jesus (the lost)?
- 6) Do I let other things take priority over going to church on Sunday mornings?