

Kids Camp Prayer Guide



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Thank you...

...for making time to pray for students, leaders, evangelists, and details surrounding the upcoming AG kids camps. I personally believe there has never been a time when our students had a greater need to experience the power and presence of God. Recently, during prayer, I was reminded of the thousands of students and leaders who will be gathered together at our camps all over the nation this summer. Please join me in prayer for a nationwide outpouring and revelation of the Spirit of God. In one summer our entire nation can be eternally changed.

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

There is simply no place like church camp! This one week of the year seems to propel the faith of the Next Generation forward. Why? Why is this one week so spiritually effective that nearly every pastor and missionary points to church camp as an instrumental part of their spiritual growth and development?

Even though kids and teens grow up in Christian homes and go to church regularly, there is something about camp that seems to enrich their spiritual lives. Here are three great reasons kids should go to kids and youth camps:

Church camp provides **positive peer pressure**. As young people of similar ages gather together, the hunger of some becomes the hunger of many. As some begin to worship, all begin to worship. As some seek God, all seek God. As some seek the Holy Spirit, soon all seek the Holy Spirit.

Church camp provides **opportunity**. Young people have all the time they need to come to the altar and wait on God. There isn't anything else more pressing than spending time with God. When a myriad of people pray with expectancy, the Holy Spirit makes His presence known.

Church camp provides **depth**. As young people connect with God in the morning, that same night they connect with Him again. Back in their cabin at night, they can experience God yet again. The next day the same pattern happens. The faith of individuals has the opportunity to grow deeper and deeper day after day because God takes deeper roots into fresh soil.

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Prayer Guide for Parents

Day 1

Pray your child will have an open heart to hear God's Word and to receive it as truth. If they have not made a decision to ask Jesus to be the leader of their life, pray that happens this week.

Luke 24:45

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.



Ephesians 1:18-20

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.

Prayer

God, I pray your Word will come alive to *(name of child)* this week. Help them to know You have called them out of sin to be set apart from the world and everything in it. May their hearts be flooded with the Light of the world, as they come to You and believe with their whole heart that You are the one true God. Help their hearts to be open, to understand the hope that is only found in You.

Day 2

Pray your child will have the courage to make bold decisions that could be life-changing.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Luke 18:16

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

Prayer

God, we pray for *(name of child)*. May they move past any fear or inhibition and worship You, Lord, as King of kings. May they make the decision to allow You to rule and reign in every part of their life. May they come away from camp knowing that You always keep Your promises and You do not change. Help their heart not to get distracted, but instead to turn toward all that You have in store for them this week.

Day 3

Pray your child has a genuine encounter with Jesus, sensing His presence and hearing His voice. Pray this encounter will be a benchmark in their spiritual journey.

Jeremiah 24:7

I will give them hearts that recognize me as the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly.

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Prayer

God, help (*name of child*) come away from camp with a desire to live in Your presence more than anything. May they never doubt who You are and what You can do. May they desire a closeness with You that sustains them. May this week be the beginning of a life centered around listening to Your voice and praising You, the living God, with their whole being—body and soul—for the rest of their lives.

Day 4

Pray kids will grow in their understanding of and be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:31

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Prayer

God, help (*name of child*) to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit this week. May they experience You in such a way that others look at them and see the Holy Spirit working in their life. Lord, may they be continually filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so that their life will reveal the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that comes from You. May they become bold as they share Jesus with everyone around them. May they be a witness for You everywhere they go.

Day 5

Pray the camp experience will build and strengthen greater connection to your church group. Pray they will have a heart to serve Jesus and His Church.

Philippians 2:2

Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

1 Corinthians 12:27

All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

Prayer

May (*name of child*) develop meaningful relationships with their peers and leaders during camp. May they come back with a desire to be a person who not only hears Your Word but is quick and obedient to do what it says. May they always be ready and willing to work for You. Help them have eyes to see the things that need to be done and the people that need to know Jesus. And help them to be quick to respond to that need with a heart that is ready to serve You. Lord, may they follow You with their whole heart, going where You want them to go and doing what You want them to do.

Prayer Guide for Parents & Kids Together

Day 1

Pray for friends also attending camp.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.



1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Prayer

God, thank you for the friends who are attending camp with me. I pray they have a great time and are impacted by what we learn at camp. Move in their lives and let them know You are real. I pray they are open to hearing from You and are excited to know more about You.

Day 2

Pray for the leaders, staff, and speakers.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

Colossians 1:9

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Prayer

God, I pray for the leaders, staff, and speakers who will be at camp. Help them be prepared for the week and ready to help students learn more about You. Give them wisdom when speaking and praying for students. May You give them rest leading up to camp. I pray they have an experience with You, and that they walk away more in love with You and more excited about ministering to students.

Day 3

Pray to have fun and that you will build relationships with new friends.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Prayer

God, I pray I will have fun and make new friends at camp. I pray that any nerves I have will wash away, and I will be excited for everything to come. I pray other students and I will meet incredible friends, be supported and loved well by the leaders, and grow to see the gospel clearly while we are there.

Day 4

Pray to have courage to make bold, life-changing decisions.

Psalms 138:3

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.

Ephesians 3:12

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

Prayer

God, I pray that when an opportunity for boldness appears, I will be ready and willing. I know that camp is going to be fun, but I also know that camp is about getting closer to You. Help me have courage to say yes to what You want me to experience at camp and what You want for my life.

Day 5

Pray that kids will take what they learned at camp home with them to share with friends and family.

Deuteronomy 8:18

Remember the Lord your God. He is one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

Psalms 103:2

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

Prayer

God, when camp is over, let us not forget about the amazing experiences we had. I want to continue getting closer to You after camp is over. Help me to continue to seek after You and learn more about You. I pray I will use what I learned to influence my friends and family to follow You. Let me be a Christ-like example for those in my life who don't know You.

Prayer Guide for Grandparents

Day 1

Pray your grandchild would know God.

2 Peter 3:18

You must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.



Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Prayer

God, I pray for my grandchildren. Make Your Word come alive in their hearts, minds, and lives this week. Help them to choose a new life in You. Help them to trust You to forgive their sins, wash them clean, and make Your home in their hearts and lives. Help them to know You are the one true Savior and King. Let them understand Your Word as it is presented at this camp. As they understand, help them to put Your Word into practice. As camp begins, allow them to press into a deeper relationship with You. Help them to choose friends wisely, as camp friends can become lifelong friends.

Day 2

Pray your grandchild experiences the presence of God throughout camp.

2 Corinthians 3:17

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Hebrews 13:15

Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.

Prayer

God, we pray for our grandchildren. Help them to experience freedom in the worship and prayer times while at camp this week. Help them each minute of the camp day to make wise choices and to spend time in Your Word and in Your presence. Let the altar extend beyond the chapel service to every moment of camp. Seal Your eternal compassion for them in their hearts as they experience You during this camp. Help them to overcome distractions and press in to hear Your voice, experience Your presence, and feel Your call on their lives this week. Help them to know Your love never fails, Your promises are true, and You will be with them always.

Day 3

Pray your grandchild hears and recognizes God's voice.

Psalm 25:4-5

Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.

John 14:26

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help my grandchildren to recognize Your voice. Speak to them as they navigate the day at camp. Let Your voice be heard in every corner of the campground. May they discover a richness in being close to You, walking with You, and obeying Your Word. Help them to be open to Your power, Your Spirit, and Your call on their lives. Help this camp to become a memorial place that they can look back at and say, "That is where I met God. Camp is the place where I first heard His voice, experienced His power, and felt His call."

Day 4

Pray the power of the Holy Spirit impacts your grandchild's life.

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 5:8-9

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

Prayer

Help my grandkids at camp this week. May they experience the power, presence, and baptism in the Holy Spirit. Empower them to be Your witnesses. Fill them with so much joy and the Holy Spirit this week that people back home will notice the difference. May they walk in the Spirit, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit in everyday living. Help them to become the salt that makes this world thirsty for Jesus. Show them the distinct calling You have placed on their lives as they pray throughout the campground.

Day 5

Pray that the relationships your grandchild made during camp will last after camp is over. Pray that your grandchild continues to feel and pursue God.

1 Chronicles 16:11

Search for the Lord and for his strength; continually seek him.

Proverbs 11:14

Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help my grandchildren to continue the meaningful friendships started at camp this week. As they leave camp, help them to never leave You behind. Help them to experience the sweet presence of Your Holy Spirit at home, church, and in the community. Allow them to discover how their unique gifts can be used to expand the reach of Your Kingdom on this earth. In their home church, provide leaders who will encourage what they've experienced at camp, so their experience continues throughout the year. Walk with my grandchildren in such a real way that they feel Your presence, protection, and direction every day. Help my grandchildren to be world changers.

Prayer Guide for Ministry Leaders

Day 1

Pray your students are **THERE**.

Isaiah 41:10

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.



Philippians 4:19

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

God, today I pray that You would make a way for every child and every teen to get to camp this summer. I pray those with financial difficulty would find a way has been made for them to go. I pray each and every one who goes to camp would come back changed—supercharged with the Word of God. I pray every child would find Christian friends and leaders back home who would help connect them with others so that together they can stand strong for Christ.

Day 2

Pray your students are **READY**.

Psalms 119:133

Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.

2 Timothy 2:21

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

Prayer

God, today I pray for the students who are going to camp. I pray even now You would show them the areas of their lives that aren't fully devoted to You. I pray You would show them any areas you aren't pleased with. I pray they would give those areas over to You so that You can fill their souls with a staying power of the Spirit. I pray our kids and teens would continue to live for You their entire lives and never let anyone lead them astray.

Day 3

Pray your students feel **SAFE** and **LOVED**.

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

John 15:12-13

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Prayer

God, I pray for my students' safety while traveling and during camp. May the students get to and from camp safely. At camp, may there be no major injuries and students would safely enjoy all that camp has to offer. During altar call times and quiet moments, I pray students would feel safe to hear from You.

I pray students will build relationships with other students and with leaders. I pray students will create lasting friendships and not feel lonely or isolated. May the leaders **SEE** the students and help them build those relationships. I pray students connect with a leader who can help them walk closer with You. May there be meaningful conversations with You at the center.

Day 4

Pray your students **ENCOUNTER GOD**.

Jeremiah 33:3

Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.

Jeremiah 29:13

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Prayer

God, today I pray you would speak to kids and teenagers at camp. May they hear Your voice. May they discover You are real and that You care about their lives. May they discover the Word of God is the Book of Truth, and Your words and promises are true. I pray they come to lean on the Bible to guide their lives. May they discover You through prayer. May they hear Your voice and recognize it when you speak. May they live for You even when those around them do not. May their feet be planted in You and their lives harvest a multitude of souls.

Day 5

Pray for **AFTER CAMP**.

Colossians 1:9-10

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Prayer

God, as students return from camp, I pray every church and KidMin leader would be sensitive to Your voice. May we as leaders provide opportunities for every child to build upon their camp altar experience. May we encourage continued pursuit of the Holy Spirit during worship and response times. May we promote listening for and responding to the voice of the Holy Spirit. May all of our students know Your voice, respond to Your leading, and be filled with spiritual gifts.