

**3 QUESTIONS
TO ASK**

**YOUR
CHILD**

**RMMN
RESOURCE**

**AFTER
CAMP**

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QUESTION 1: **WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD WAS TELLING OR TEACHING YOU THIS WEEK?**

YOUR CHILD TOOK IN A LOT OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. EACH CAMP SPEAKER AND LEADER IS CHOSEN WITH CARE TO SHARE THE MESSAGE OF JESUS IN A WAY THAT CONNECTS DEEPLY WITH KIDS.

ONE KEY THEME THEY LIKELY HEARD ABOUT IS SALVATION- GOD SAVING US FROM SIN AND RESTORING US TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS. IF YOUR CHILD MADE A DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS DURING CAMP (OR EVEN BEFORE), TAKE TIME TO ASK THEM ABOUT IT!

WANT HELP WALKING THROUGH THAT CONVERSATION? [THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO YOUR GREATEST ADVENTURE](#) IS A FREE RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND KIDS THAT HELPS EXPLAIN WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS. DOWNLOAD IT AND GO THROUGH IT TOGETHER!

YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE ALSO LEARNED ABOUT PRAYER, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, OR THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE ALL OF THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE RIGHT AWAY, BUT A GREAT WAY TO HELP THEM GROW IN THEIR FAITH IS TO RESEARCH IT AND LEARN ABOUT IT TOGETHER!

QUESTION 2: **WHAT FRIENDSHIPS DID YOU MAKE OR GROW DEEPER IN?**

4 WEEK AT CAMP MEANS HOURS OF SHARED EXPERIENCES, INSIDE JOKES, AND NEW FRIENDSHIPS. THESE CONNECTIONS OFTEN OUTLAST THE WEEK ITSELF.

SOMETIMES, YOUR CHILD MAY OPEN UP ABOUT FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGES TOO. THAT'S OKAY! DISAGREEMENTS HAPPEN WITH THAT MUCH TIME TOGETHER. USE THIS MOMENT TO LISTEN, VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS, AND HELP THEM PROCESS WHAT THEY EXPERIENCED RELATIONALLY.

QUESTION 3: **WHAT'S ONE THING YOU LOVED ABOUT CAMP THAT YOU CAN'T WAIT TO DO NEXT YEAR?**

THEY MIGHT RATTLE OFF A LIST OF 20 THINGS- BUT CHALLENGE THEM TO PICK ONE FAVORITE. THIS HELPS THEM FOCUS ON WHAT IMPACTED THEM MOST AND GIVES YOU A CONVERSATION POINT TO RETURN TO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

WHETHER IT WAS WORSHIP, ROPES COURSE, LATE-NIGHT CABIN CHATS, OR DODGEBALL — REMIND THEM OF IT OFTEN AND USE IT TO BUILD EXCITEMENT FOR NEXT SUMMER!

SHARING THESE EXPERIENCES ALSO HELPS YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR TESTIMONY. ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TOOLS YOUR CHILD CAN CARRY IS THE ABILITY TO SHARE WHAT JESUS HAS DONE IN THEIR LIFE.

TIP: GIVE YOUR CHILD A DAY TO DECOMPRESS. ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP, THEY'RE RIDING HIGH ON MOUNTAIN DEW AND JESUS - WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION.

ASKING INTENTIONAL QUESTIONS OPENS THE DOOR TO YOUR CHILD'S HEART. YOU'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR FAITH, THEIR FRIENDSHIPS, AND WHO THEY ARE BECOMING. AND IN THE PROCESS, YOU'LL STRENGTHEN YOUR BOND WITH THEM TOO.



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SHANE MCCLANAHAN SERVES AS THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT GREELEY FIRST ASSEMBLY. WITH A DEEP PASSION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION, SHANE IS COMMITTED TO SEEING KIDS AND STUDENTS NOT JUST KNOW ABOUT JESUS—BUT TRULY LIVE FOR HIM AND WALK IN HIS PURPOSE EVERY DAY. WHETHER HE'S TEACHING, MENTORING, OR JUST SPENDING TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, SHANE LEADS WITH AUTHENTICITY, HEART, AND A DESIRE TO SEE LIVES TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL.