



Saturday, June 24th

Village Meeting Objective

Campers will discuss how Jesus is the one true Hero we're looking for and the transformative power of obedience to Him.

- Understand - how Jesus meets us where we are and is prepared to change our lives
- Learn - the difference between false heroes and The Real Hero
- Do - discuss the power of choosing obedience

Scripture Focus - John 5:1-9

"After this, a Jewish festival took place, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Aramaic, which has five colonnades. Within these lay a large number of the disabled—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been disabled for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and realized he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the disabled man answered, "I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I'm coming, someone goes down ahead of me." "Get up," Jesus told him, "pick up your mat and walk." Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk." (John 5:1-9)

Purpose of the Activity

In John 5:1-9, Jesus goes to the pool of Bethesda and heals a disabled man instantly. It is believed that the people at this time thought the occasional stirring of the water in the pool was supernatural and had healing power. This activity demonstrates the importance of knowing the difference between what is perceived to be "heroic" and how God is our one true Hero. When we choose to be obedient to our true hero, we have access to the transformative healing power that only comes from Him.

Supplies Needed

- Real v fake items (Coca Cola, Cheerios, Lays Potato Chips)
- Cups

Introduction and Expectations (5 minutes)

Village Leader(s) will introduce themselves to the group. Village Leader(s) will share the village meeting expectations:

- Only one person has the opportunity to speak at a time, unless otherwise instructed by the Village Leaders
- Only life-giving words should be shared

***Village Leaders may ask the campers if there are any other expectations that they may need to add in order to have productive village meetings.

Icebreaker (10 minutes)

- Go around the circle and have campers say their name and answer this question: If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be? Why?



*****PRIOR TO STARTING ACTIVITY*****

Explain to the students that they will be eating different snack foods/soda during this activity. Ask the group if anyone has any food allergies that would prohibit them from participating. If so, have them just observe and reflect instead.

Activity - Real v. Fake (15 minutes)

Instructions

- Pass out each item one at a time.
- Have students taste each item, deciding which item is the real and which is the fake.
- After about a minute or so, have students vote and share why.
- Reveal the truth. (Hint: Coca Cola - A, Cheerios - A, Lays - B)
- Repeat with the remaining items.

Discussion Questions (15 minutes)

(Note: All questions may not be asked. As a Village Leader, use your discretion to guide the discussion using the following questions)

- How did you determine which was the real item and which was fake?
- What was the most challenging part of this activity?
- How do you know the Bible to be real? How do you know Jesus to be real?
- How does this activity relate to the Bible being true?
- Do you believe Jesus is the one True Hero? Why or why not?
- How have you seen your life change by living according to the truth of who God says you are?
- How can knowing the truth of God's Word and His character change the truth that you believe about yourself?
- Read John 5:1-9. What happens when we believe the truth of God?
- Why is it hard sometimes to believe the truth of God's Word?
- How can we make sure we understand God's truth better?
- How would your life change if you were more obedient to God?
- What areas of your life do you need to be more obedient to God?

Review (5 minutes)

The Village Leader(s) will choose 2-3 campers to share their takeaways from the activity. As campers share their takeaways, relate them back to the purpose of the activity.

Use the remaining time in the Village Meeting to come up with village-specific chants and cheers.



Sunday, June 25th

Village Meeting Objective

Campers will discuss the importance of sharing their faith by using their own experience of Jesus transforming them.

- Understand - how the power of Jesus transforming us leads us to telling others
- Learn - the power of storytelling as one way to evangelize
- Do - practice sharing their own stories as a way to share the Gospel

Scripture Focus

"Now that day was the Sabbath, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "This is the Sabbath. The law prohibits you from picking up your mat." He replied, "The man who made me well told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" "Who is this man who told you, 'Pick up your mat and walk?'" they asked. But the man who was healed did not know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. After this, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn't happen to you." The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus because he was doing these things on the Sabbath." (John 5: 9-16)

Purpose of the Activity

In the scripture, we see that after the man had been healed, he went and shared the good news of Jesus. Because the healing he received was so transformative, he couldn't keep it to himself! This activity highlights the power of sharing your story and how it can resonate with others because it is authentic to you. This activity will get the campers up and talking about specific things, empowering them to apply the same strategy when sharing their faith with others.

Supplies Needed

- Prewritten slips of paper (attached)
- Pens or other writing utensils
- Bowl
- Timer (can use the Village Leader's phone)

Expectations and Recap (5 minutes)

The Village Leader will choose one camper to remind the group of the Village Meeting expectations:

- Only one person has the opportunity to speak at a time, unless otherwise instructed by the Village Leaders
- Only life-giving words should be shared

Briefly review yesterday's meeting and discussion, highlighting the areas of change discussed yesterday.



Activity - Salad Bowl (20 minutes)

Instructions

- Explain to students that this game is similar to Taboo or Charades.
- Divide them into two teams. Have them number off (1, 2, 1, 2, etc.) to keep them from sticking with just their friends.
- Have the teams sit separately on opposite sides of the room.
- Explain the rules using the following directions:
 - The goal is for your team to guess the word or phrase you pull.
 - Each round is one minute.
 - For the first round you may say anything except the word on the paper.
 - A person from the opposite team (or the Village Leader) will watch to make sure there is no cheating.
 - The teams alternate once the minute is up until the slips of papers run out.
 - If a team is in the middle of a round, the time stops, the round changes, and the team continues in the new round with the remaining time.
 - Once all words are used, put them back in the bowl. No new words will be added.
 - For the second round, there is no talking, only acting out.
 - For the third round, you may only use one word. (“Um” counts as a word!)
 - The team with the most words/phrases guessed correctly wins!

Discussion Questions (15 minutes)

(Note: All questions may not be asked. As a Village Leader, use your discretion to guide the discussion using the following questions)

- What worked well for you and your team during this activity?
- What was the most challenging part of this activity?
- Why was it important to choose your words intentionally?
- How could this relate to you sharing your faith?
- What are some exciting things you’ve seen The Lord do in your life or the lives of those around you?
- On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you when it comes to sharing what The Lord has done in your life? Why do you think that is?
- Why is it important to confidently share your faith?
- What happens when you don’t share your faith?
- Has there ever been a time when you did share your faith? How did it go?
- What are some ways you can become more confident in sharing your faith? How can your community help you do that?

Review (5 minutes)

The Village Leader will choose 2-3 campers to share their takeaways from the activity. As campers share their takeaways, relate them back to the purpose of the activity.

Village Chants (Remaining Time)

Use the remaining time in the Village Meeting to come up with village-specific chants and cheers.



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| Jesus | RESET Camp | testimony |
| Lebron James | Pool of Bethesda | water |
| Taylor Swift | New Orleans | wind |
| Spiderman | Atlanta | earth |
| Batman | Tampa | fire |
| Ironman | Alabama | healing |
| Black Panther | school | TikTok |
| preacher | church | robe |
| cashier | gym | computer |
| mermaid | football field | Bible |
| disciple | cafeteria | motorcycle |