



* JOHN 17:3 *

Day 1 Church Group Devotion

THE GOD WHO REVEALS

BEHIND THE SCENES

In Bible Study today, campers unpacked the Key Verse from John 17:3. As they practiced memorizing the verse, they explored that they can know the one true God through Jesus Christ.

REFLECT

Say: **Have you ever wondered who is God? Or how you can really know Him? What excites you about getting to know God this week?** Allow campers a few moments to respond.

Read or ask a volunteer to read Psalm 77:14:

**You are the God who works wonders;
you revealed your strength among the peoples.**

Share your excitement about the wonders God is going to work in your group this week. Give some specific examples of what you are praying for and hoping to see.

CONNECT

Say: **Let's think for a moment about all the cool things that we have already experienced today at CentriKid from the games we played when we first got here to getting our rooms set up to eating dinner and don't forget worship and Bible study! I am going to say a few different words and if you think of something that happened today that made you feel one of these words, raise your hand up high and wave at me.**

1. Thinking about today, what is something that made you feel glad?

Call on a few campers who are waving to share what made them feel glad.

2. Thinking about today, what is something that made you wonder?

Call on a few campers who are waving to share what made them wonder about something.

3. Thinking about today, what is something that made you feel sad?

Call on a few campers who are waving to share what made them feel sad.

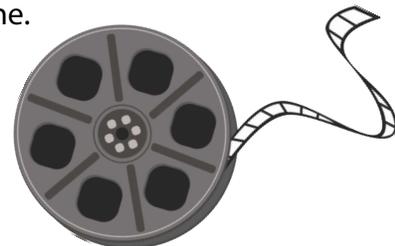
4. Thinking about today, what is something that made laugh?

Call on a few campers who are waving to share what made them laugh.

Remind the campers that God is with them this week and knows just how they feel. He wants to reveal Himself to each one of them and help them know Him for real.

DIRECT

Say: **I am so thankful that God wants me to know Him because He really is the one true God. Let's take some time to thank God tonight.** Lead the campers to pray a thankful prayer by taking turns finishing this sentence: "God, thank you for _____." If you have a large group, you may choose to have your adult leaders circle up with smaller groups to pray together. When everyone has had a chance to voice their thanks to God, close the prayer time.





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Day 2 Church Group Devotion

GOD REVEALS HIS NAME

BEHIND THE SCENES

In Bible Study today, campers studied the name “I AM” that God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3. They discovered that God is self-existent, unchanging and forever. When God reveals His name to us, we can respond in worship.

REFLECT

Lead the campers to consider the question your camp pastor shared at the end of worship tonight: You know His name, but do you know Him? (If your camp pastor shared a different question, focus on that one instead!) Say: **Think in your mind about your answer to that question...do you know God? You may be thinking “yes,” or “no,” or “I’m not sure.” If your answer is definitely yes and you would like to share HOW you know God, wave at me.** Call on a waving volunteer to share about how they know God. If you have time, you or an adult leader may want to briefly share how you know God. This could also be a good time to allow your CentriKid staff host to share their testimony. Say: **If your answer to Pastor’s question was “no” or “I’m not sure,” and you would like to know God, let’s talk together this week! God wants to reveal Himself to you! We know this because Jesus prays for us in John 17:3—**

This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent— Jesus Christ.

You may take the opportunity to allow children who want to talk about this now to step aside with a group leader to explore how they can know God. Be aware that some children may be embarrassed to admit this

in a large group or may just respond out of a desire to please or for attention. Let the campers know that they can speak with you after church group time is dismissed as well.

CONNECT

Say: **Just as God wants you to know Him because He cares about you, we care about you too!** And we’d love to hear about your day! Guide the campers to group up around an adult leader, with no more than five campers per adult. Explain that you will call out a question and they are to tell their adult leader their answer. When you give the signal (a whistle or a loud “whoop, whoop” can work fine), they should listen up for the next question. Ask the following questions, allowing a minute or so for campers to share in between.



- **What did you do today that you would like to do again?**
- **Who is someone you enjoyed hanging out with today?**
- **How did you act out the Bible Story about Moses today?**
- **When did you feel happy today?**

DIRECT

Say: **We’ve heard God’s name in a lot of ways today. Let’s praise His name together by speaking it aloud. Think of a name of God that you know.**

Lead the campers to praise God by taking turns finishing this sentence with a name of God: “God, you are ___.” If you have a large group, you may choose to have your adult leaders circle up with smaller groups to pray together. When everyone has had a chance to voice their praise to God, close the prayer time.



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Day 3 Church Group Devotion

GOD REVEALS THE WAY

BEHIND THE SCENES

In Bible Study today, campers discovered that the only way to God is through faith in His Son Jesus. They “walked” through the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35 to see that Jesus makes the way to God clear. Through interactive prayer stations, they had the opportunity to see God’s way through His Word.

REFLECT

Lead the campers to consider the question your camp pastor shared at the end of worship tonight: **What does it mean to you that God reveals that Jesus is the way?** (If your camp pastor shared a different question, focus on that one instead!) Allow volunteers to share what it means to them.

Say: **We haven’t had the same experience as Thomas did in the Bible, but like Thomas, we have all heard today that Jesus is the way. Sometimes it can be hard to believe.** Share a brief story about when it has been hard for you to believe God or when you have had doubts in your faith and what helped you. Then ask: **When is it hard for you to believe Jesus? What can help us have faith and trust God?**

Allow time for campers and adult leaders to share encouragement with one another about trusting God and following Jesus.

CONNECT

Consider arranging into small groups to allow campers and adult leaders to connect more

personally. You may want to group up according to age, or perhaps girls/guys. Say: **Jesus knew just what Thomas needed. What is something you need?** Allow campers to share.

Read John 20:27-28 and John 20:31—

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t be faithless, but believe.” Thomas responded to him, “My Lord and my God!”

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Say: **When Thomas believed Jesus, he proclaimed Jesus as His Lord and His God. Since God has given us life, what is something you could give?** Allow campers to share what they could give.

DIRECT

This a great time to remind campers about the missions offering and collect your group’s contributions since we will be giving it in worship tomorrow night. Pray together for God to use what you give.



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Day 4 Church Group Devotion

GOD REVEALS HIS POWER

BEHIND THE SCENES

In Bible Study today, campers experienced the story of God healing the lame man through Peter and John in Acts 3:1-8. When God reveals His power, we have the opportunity to watch Him change lives. Campers discovered how they can rely on God's power to see the needs of others and respond so that God can work in and through them.

REFLECT

Lead the campers to consider the question your camp pastor shared at the end of worship tonight: **What are you listening for? How is the Lord speaking to you?** (If your camp pastor shared a different question, focus on that one instead!) Allow volunteers to share what they are hearing from God. You may want to offer some specific categories to help kids think about what God is telling them. Ask: **What is God telling you about...**

- **how to treat your friends?**
- **how you need to grow in Him?**
- **where you should be spending your time?**
- **what He wants you to do when you get home?**

Remind the campers that God can speak to them through His Word, His Holy Spirit, other Christians, and even the events of their day. It is important to be paying attention and listening to Him as God reveals His power.

CONNECT

Say: **I'm so glad you are learning to listen to God! Let's practice our listening skills by hearing from others about our favorite things from today.**

Explain that you will call out a category and then

campers can jump up and shout out their favorite thing in that category "popcorn" style until you call out another category. Encourage campers to listen to what each person says. Call out the following categories, allowing a few campers to share after each one:

- **Favorite food at breakfast**
- **Favorite game from rec**
- **Favorite track time**
- **Favorite song from worship**

DIRECT

Guide campers to pray together using the following pattern. Campers begin by saying "God, help us." Then, you will say something God can help us with, and campers will finish the sentence with the phrase "...by your power."

Campers: God, help us...

Leader: love others

Campers: by Your power.

Repeat this prayer several times with different phases in the middle. Here are a few other suggestions:

Campers: God, help us...

Leader: show kindness

Campers: by Your power.

Campers: God, help us...

Leader: meet needs around us

Campers: by Your power.

Campers: God, help us...

Leader: tell about Jesus

Campers: by Your power.

Close your prayer time with a loud "AMEN."

