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THE ADVENTURE



"Count The Cost – A Revival Call To The Next Generation"

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Younger Kid/Pre-Teen Version

YOUR 21 DAY ADVENTURE WITH GOD

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“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

-Jim Elliot, missionary to Auca Indians, killed for his faith on January 8, 1956.

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WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE!

You're getting ready to start a great Adventure with the Lord. Another step in your relationship with God, these missions will push you to dive deeper into the Word and God's presence through daily study, prayer and activities. The journey may be tough work, but the rewards are priceless. It will take you 21 days to complete the Adventure.

When tackling the Adventure each day, work on it in a quiet place away from distractions. Get away from the TV, the radio, etc. Make sure to honor God as you complete each day's activities. Pray before doing the Adventure each day. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the things you need to know to draw closer to God and to serve Him better.

TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

If your child is 9 years old or younger, you may need to help your child complete the Adventure. We have developed this special version for the younger children.

BIBLE VERSIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture passages are taken from the New International Readers Version (NIrV) or the New Century Version (NCV). Feel free to use whatever version of the Bible you prefer.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Some questions simply require a "Yes" or "No" answer. Others call for you to write longer answers. You can tell a Yes/No question by the fact that it has a short line after it. Questions needing longer answers will have blank space under it. The questions with "Think" before them are simply there to get you to think about the topic. You do not need to write anything down to answer the "Think" questions.



Follow the journey of Craig and Angela as they learn to obey God even when their friends do not or times are hard. At the beginning these two kids are very selfish and do not really try to serve God. They do not read the Bible or pray very much. Craig and Angela are changed as they hear the call of God and obey.
God is calling to you too!

THE CALL- DO YOU HEAR IT?

DAY 1

God calls us. It is our job to listen and do what He says.

Do you remember the story of Samuel hearing the call of God?_____

(If you do not remember it, read 1 Samuel 3:1-19)

When Samuel was a boy, he lived with the priest Eli in the temple of the Lord. One night, he heard someone call his name. Samuel thought it was Eli and ran to him. Eli told Samuel that he did not call him and that Samuel should go back to bed. This happened three times. Finally, Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel and that Samuel should listen to what the Lord said. Samuel listened to what the Lord told him. You may be like Samuel who at first did not recognize the voice of God.

Have you ever heard the voice of the Lord like Samuel did?_____

Do you know anyone who has heard the voice of the Lord like Samuel?_____

Have you ever felt bad because God was speaking to other people but you could not hear His voice?_____

Did you know that “listen” means pay attention?_____

We can pay attention with our ears, eyes, and heart. We can use all our senses, all our emotions, and our spirit.

Your parents communicate with you in many ways. Sometimes, they use words. They might say, “Timmy, it is time to come inside.” You respond by coming inside. Sometimes, they used actions. Remember when you were little and your mother would just point to the whacker. It was enough for you to decide to obey. Or, did you ever hear the ice-cream truck bell and see your Mom get some money out of her purse. You knew that you were going to get a treat. Nobody had to tell you because you knew. Your parents and teachers do not have to use words for you to pay attention or for you to know what they are saying.

Most of the time, God does not speak to us in a voice we hear with our ears. I have never heard the audible voice of God, but He speaks to me every day. God is a spirit, and He tends to speak to our spirits. You may have sensed deep down inside of you something before and later it turned out to be right. Many times that is God trying to tug on our hearts to communicate something to us.

God communicates with people in many ways. Sometimes He uses words, like in the story of Samuel. Sometimes He uses other things, like your parents and teachers. When God communicates with us, He wants us to pay attention and obey what He says.

Mission 1.1

Read about the different ways God communicates with people.

God communicates to His people through:

- **The Bible**

God uses all scripture to teach us, correct us, and train us. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

- **The Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit can lead us. However, it is hard for us to pay attention to the Holy Spirit when we are distracted by watching TV or playing video games. (Romans 8:14)

Are you willing to give up watching TV today to pay attention to the Holy Spirit?____

- **Other People**

God uses other people, like our parents, pastors, youth leaders, and our teachers to communicate with us. (2 Samuel 12:7)

Who has God used in your life?

- **Visions, Dreams, and Pictures in Your Head**

Sometimes God gives us a picture in our head. Sometimes these pictures help us understand something difficult. (Acts 10)

- **Nature**

God is the creator of all nature. He uses nature to tell us about Himself. (Romans 1:20)

What has God taught you about Himself through nature?

No matter how God speaks to you. Hearing from God requires faith to listen and obey. According to the Bible, without faith it is impossible to please God.

Mission 1.2

What did God show you today? (You can use words or draw a picture. Use the back of this sheet if necessary.)

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

DAY 2

Mission 2.1

What does worship mean to you?

(You can use words or draw a picture)

We worship God as a group on Sunday morning. We can also worship God by ourselves. We worship God when we give Him honor and glory. Anything we do can be worship **IF** it is focused on bringing honor and glory to God.

Check below every action that could be worship?

<input type="checkbox"/> singing praise to God	<input type="checkbox"/> dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> playing a musical instrument
<input type="checkbox"/> writing a poem	<input type="checkbox"/> serving others	<input type="checkbox"/> playing a team sport
<input type="checkbox"/> painting a picture	<input type="checkbox"/> listening to music	<input type="checkbox"/> giving something away
<input type="checkbox"/> cooking a meal	<input type="checkbox"/> writing a letter	<input type="checkbox"/> being kind
<input type="checkbox"/> praying	<input type="checkbox"/> doing homework	<input type="checkbox"/> doing chores

Did you check every activity? If not, go back and check every action on the list. Any of those things can be worship if they bring glory to God and you do them with love in your heart for God.

Go back over the list. Put a smiley face next to anything that you like to do. Put an X next to the things you do not like to do. Sometimes God calls people to do things they don't like to do. These actions can be worship if done with the right attitude and a heart to please God.

When you worship God, are you willing to do anything He asks you to do?_____

Building Blocks of Worship

- **Sacrifice**
Worship costs you something. Sometimes the cost is in money, like an offering. Sometimes worship costs your time or effort. Sometimes it is costly because you would rather be doing something for your self rather than to bring honor and glory to God. (2 Samuel 24:24)
- **God Focused, Giving God the Glory**
God is the focus of our worship. Yes, we often feel great when we worship God, but we do not worship to feel good. We worship God because He is holy and worthy of our worship. (Psalm 29:2)
- **Humility**
God is holy. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. When we worship, we remember who we are and who God is. (Micah 6:8)
- **Submission**
God has authority over us. He is God; we are His children. We serve God. (2 Chronicles 30:8)
Some people worship God so God will do what they ask Him to do. Is that really worship?_____
- **Whole Heart**
We worship God with our whole self and in our whole lives. The words we sing should match the actions we do and the attitudes we have. (Isaiah 29: 13)
Do the words you sing match the actions you do and the attitudes you have?____
What are you going to do about it?

Mission 2.2

Worship God in a different way. (Look at the list on the previous page for ideas)

Explain how your action was worship? Describe what you learned from this worship experience?

DAY 3

WORSHIP CONNECTS US TO THE HEART OF GOD

Do you feel like worshipping today?_____

If you do, great!

If you do not feel like worshipping, it's ok. Sometimes we do not feel like it. Our feelings, however, should not prevent us from worshipping God.

Remember, we worship God because He is holy and worthy of worship. We worship God to bring Him honor and glory. We do not worship God just because we feel like it.

We can tell God how we feel in our worship. We can "give" Him our sorrows and our bad feelings. We can also thank Him and tell Him that we love and trust Him. In worship, we can be with God even when life is hard.

Mission 3.1

Read Psalm 42 and highlight the words "hope," "praise," "remember," "praise," "song," and "prayer" in your Bible.

Have you ever been so thirsty that you were panting?_____

Have you ever wanted something so much that you could almost taste it?_____

Have you ever been so sad that you cried?_____

What did you do?

What did the writer of this Psalm do?



Mission 3.2

Write a song or poem to God. Tell Him how you feel. Tell Him what you are going to do with those feelings. (Look at your highlighted words for ideas. Include at least one of the highlighted words)

**Sing the song to the Lord or read the poem out loud to God.
Don't worry about anyone else hearing you. Just do it!**

DAY 4

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

Think about yesterday's adventure.

The Bible says that true worshippers worship God in Spirit and in truth. (John 4:23-24)

Did you feel a little silly singing out loud your song or reading your poem to God? _____

Do you believe that God was listening? _____

Explain why do people worship God?

Think

Why do we look at other people when we worship?

Why do we compare ourselves to others?

Why do we boast about the number of times we fall down?

Why are we not focusing on God?

(Hint- These are questions just to get you to think about your actions. You do not need to write down an answer.) If you have not focused on God in your worship, pray about it now, ask God to forgive you.

Mission 4.1

Read 2 Samuel 14-16, 20-22.

In this story, King David was so happy and excited about God that he did not care who made fun of him when he worshipped God.

Have you ever been that excited in your worship? _____

Mission 4.2

The Bible uses many names to describe God. We can use these names in our worship.

Remember, the name of God is holy. It is not something to say without meaning.

Pick one of the names of God that means something to you. Circle it. Call God by that name as you worship Him. Spend at least five minutes praising God using one of more of the names listed below.

The One and True God
The All Sufficient One
Mighty God

The Eternal I AM
Most High
Only All Powerful God

Lord / Master
Everlasting God
God over all things

The Lord who Provides
The Lord, the Victor
The Lord is Here
King of Glory
Chosen One
Word
Bridegroom
Savior
Helper

The Lord who Heals
The Lord, our Peace
The Lord of Hosts
Father
King
Wisdom
Soon and Coming King
Vine
Spirit of Truth

The Lord, my Banner
The Lord, our Righteousness
Lord, Almighty
Messiah
High Priest
Good Shepherd
Redeemer
Light
Comforter

Explain what God is showing you about Himself through His name.

DAY 5

WHAT IS FEARING GOD?



Think

God loves us. Jesus died on the cross because He loves us so much. He deserves our love.

God created the universe. He created us and has authority over us. He rules. We are to obey His rules. He deserves our allegiance.

God is Holy. He has called us to be his holy people. He deserves our honor and respect.

Do you remember the story of Ananias and Sapphira? (See Acts 5: 1-11) Even after God was so gracious, they lied about their offerings. They were struck dead.

God is loving and kind to us. But God will not be mocked. God will judge and punish unconfessed sin.

We need to have a healthy respect of God. The fear of the Lord is the healthy respect of God.
The fear of the Lord is a good thing.

Mission 5.1

Read the following scriptures about the fear of the Lord.

Psalm 25:14 (NIrV)

The Lord shares his plans with those who respect him. He makes his covenant known to them.

Psalm 34:7 (NIrV)

The angel of the Lord stands guard around those who have respect for him. And he saves them.

Psalm 34: 9 (NCV)

People who belong to the Lord fear him! Those that fear him will have everything they need.

Proverbs 22:4 (NIrV)

Have respect for the Lord and don't be proud. That will bring you wealth and honor and life.

Mission 5.2

Answer one of the following questions:

- What did God reveal to you about fearing Him?
- How is the fear of God a good thing?
- How is the fear of God different from other fears such as the fear of spiders or heights?

Mission 5.3

Pray some and ask God to show you what it means to fear Him. If you have not shown Him proper respect or honor, (in other words, you had a bad attitude), confess your sin to God and repent. Since repent means to turn from one way to the right way - ask God to show you the right way. Ask God to show you one thing to do today that will demonstrate your fear or respect for Him.

DAY 6

STANDING BEFORE A HOLY GOD

Think

Do you worship God because He is holy and worthy of our praise or because other people are watching you?

Mission 6.1

Read Luke 18: 9-14 in your Bible.

The Pharisees were teachers of the Law. They were well educated, well dressed, well respected, and they thought they were better than anyone else was. They had an “image” to protect. The tax collectors worked for the Roman government. They often stole money from the Jewish people. They were hated by the Jewish people.

Read the passage again. How many times did the Pharisee use the word “I”? _____
Was he focusing on himself or on God? _____

How many times did the tax collector use the word “I”? _____
Was he focusing on himself or on God? _____ What did he call himself? _____

Which prayer was more pleasing to God? _____ Explain your answer in the space below:

Think about your group prayers and worship before God.

Do you look around to see what other people are doing? _____

Do you use the word “I” a lot? _____

Do you care what other people are thinking about you? _____

If the answer is “yes” to any of these questions, ask God to forgive you and to help you worship Him with your whole heart. Ask God to help you focus on Him and His holiness when you worship.

Mission 6.2

Draw a picture that shows the difference between how the Pharisee and the tax collector pray.
Use your imagination and re-read Luke 18:9-14 if you need help coming up with a picture.

DAY 7

THE REVIVAL CYCLE

Mission 7.1

Read the following scriptures:

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NirV)

We must all stand in front of Christ to be judged. Each of us will be judged for the good things and the bad things we do while we are in our bodies. Then each of us will receive what we are supposed to get.

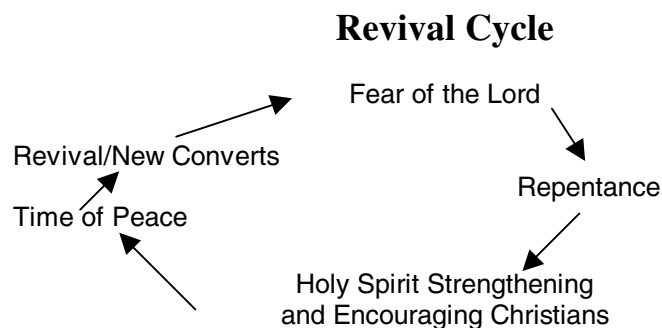
Galatians 6:7-8 (NirV)

Don't be fooled. You can't outsmart God. A man gathers a crop from what he plants. Some people plant to please their sinful nature. From that nature they will harvest death. Others plant to please the Holy Spirit. From the Spirit they will harvest eternal life.

Acts 9:31 (NirV)

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. The Holy Spirit gave the church strength and boldness. So they grew in numbers. And they worshipped the Lord.

Revivals often follow a cycle. The fear of the Lord leads to repentance. When we repent, we turn from our old ways and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. The Holy Spirit can then strengthen and encourage us. When strengthened, we can feel the peace of the Lord. Other people see this peace in our lives and want it. Those people are drawn to accept Jesus and become new Christians. Then the cycle repeats itself.



Mission 7.2

Where are you on this cycle?

Where would you like to be?

Pray through this cycle for your own life. Start where you are and pray that God will take you through each point as you grow and mature in your relationship with Him. Keep in mind that each point may take some time for you to achieve in Christ.

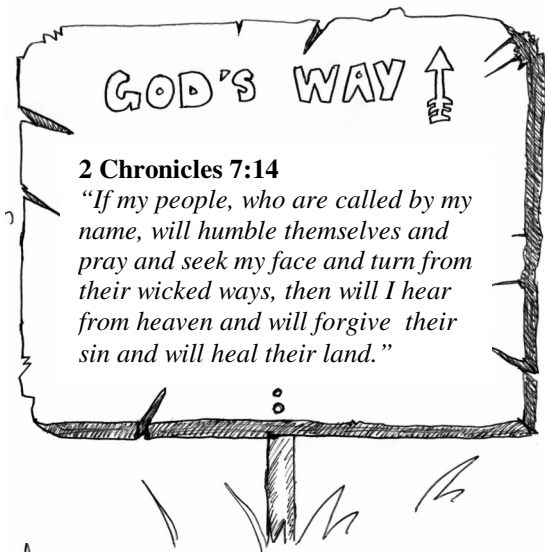
Mission 7.3

There are people in your neighborhood, school, and community that do not know Jesus. Pick three people who do not know Jesus and pray for them. Continue to pray for them for the next week.

List the names of the three people:

DAY 8

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?



Repentance is more than just saying that you are sorry. It is a change of heart or purpose. It takes turning away from the old and turning toward the new. In other words, when you repent, you commit to not do that action, have that attitude, or say those words, again.

Psalm 139: 23-24 (NirV)

God, see what is in my heart.

Know what is there.

Put me to the test.

Know what I am thinking.

See if there is anything in my life you don't like.

Help me live in the way that is always right.

Mission 8.1

Apply Psalm 139:23-24 to your own life by answering the questions.

God, see what is in my heart.

What is in your heart right now?

Is there anything that you do not want God to see?

Know what is there.

Pray: Lord, show me what is there. Even the things I do not want to admit are there.

Put me to the test.

Tests do two things. They show what you do know (or can do) and what you do not know (or are not able to do).

Are you really willing to ask God to make a test for you on the answer to the last question? _____

Are you really willing to take the test? _____

Pray, asking God to put you to the test.

Know what I am thinking.

Remember, God loves you. Jesus died for you.

The first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord, your God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. (Mark 12:30)

Do you love God in your mind and in your heart? _____

What are your thoughts about God?

What are your thoughts about repentance?

Are you willing to give your thoughts to God? _____

If so, pray and give them to God right now.

See if there is anything in my life you don't like.

Is there anything in your life that God would not like? _____

Are you willing to repent? _____

If so, repent right now.

Help me live in the way that is always right.

This is the hard part. When you repent, you turn from your old way and turn toward the right way. When you repent, you are saying that you will not do that thing again. Repentance is serious business.

We cannot do it alone. We need the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into the right way. We need help to do what is right.

Mission 8.2

Pray for your three people. Ask God to show you how you can show His love to them.

DAY 9

THE HEART OF DAVID

Think Have you ever done anything really bad?
What did that bad thing do to your relationship with God?
How did it make you feel?

King David did a lot of bad things in his life. He knew that his sin separated him from God. The good thing about King David was that he was willing to repent, ask God to forgive him, and accept any punishment. He did not let his sin build a wall between him and God.

Mission 9.1

Read the following Psalm that David wrote.
Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10 (NirV)

- 1) *Blessed is the one whose lawless acts are forgiven.
His sins have been taken away.*
- 2) *Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord never counts against him
He doesn't want to cheat anyone.*
- 5) *Then I admitted my sin to you.
I didn't cover up the wrong I had done.
I said, "I will admit my lawless acts to the Lord."*
- 7) *You are my hiding place.
You will keep me safe from trouble.
You will surround me with songs sung by those who praise you
because you save your people.*
- 8) *I will guide you and teach you the way you should go.
I will give you good advice and watch over you.*
- 10) *Sinful people have all kinds of trouble.
but the Lord's faithful love
is all around those who trust in him.*

Look at verse 5. What did David do when he knew he had sinned?

The “I” in verse 8 is God. What does God promise David?

Look at verses 1, 2, 7, and 10. How do you think David felt after God forgave him?

Mission 9.2

Continue to pray for the three people. Ask God to help them admit their sin, repent and follow Jesus.

DAY 10

WHAT IS FAITH?

Hebrews 11:1-2

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see. That is what the people of long ago were praised for. (NirV)

Mission 10.1

Memorize Hebrews 11:1-2. Write it on a note card to help you memorize it. Be ready to quote it to your parent or leader.

Mission 10.2

Pick one of the following people known in the Bible for having faith.

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab.

Circle the person you picked.

In Hebrews 11, Paul praises these people (and others) for having faith.
How did the person you picked demonstrate faith?

Faith is the heartfelt love and trust in God that results in obedience. When we love and trust in God, we can be sure of what He says. When we obey God, we please God. We cannot please God if we do not love, trust, or obey Him. Through faith, we can love, trust, and obey God even when we do not see Him. Faith accepts what God says even when what He promises seems unlikely to happen. We serve a big God, who can do anything.

Mission 10.2

Explain what can you learn about faith from the person that you picked in Mission 10.1?

How can you apply what you have learned about faith to your life?
(Remember, you can use words or draw a picture)

Mission 10.3

Pray for your three people, asking God to help them increase their faith in Him.

DAY 11

THE MYSTERY REVEALED

Have you ever believed a lie? Maybe someone told you something about another person that wasn't true, but you believed it anyway. Maybe you watched a TV show and thought the story was true.

The Bible says that the devil is a liar and that he wants to deceive us. Sometimes what we "see" in this world is a lie.

In most mystery stories, the bad guy tries to trick the police. But the police piece together the truth based on clues and catch the criminal. Think of life as a big mystery. The Bible gives us clues to understand the truth. But the devil tries to get away with stealing souls by tricking the world.

The devil uses lies to control people. Many people go through life blinded to the truth; they never know about Jesus and His love. They think the goal to life is to have a lot of stuff, to be popular or to have many friends. While there is nothing wrong with any of these, the Bible makes it clear that everyone has a big hole in their life that only God can fill.



The devil tries to blind Craig to God's truth. But the devil is a liar, and Craig learns that he can look to the Bible and pray to find the truth.

Mission 11.1

Read 2 Kings 6: 8-23 in your Bible.

In verse 15, what did the servant see at first? Why was he afraid?

In verse 17, what did the servant see after the Lord opened his eyes? Where did that army come from?

Just like the servant in the story, sometimes we only see the problem. The devil tricks us to only see the things of this world. God would like us to see what He has for us. He will open our eyes just like He opened the eyes of the servant.

Now stop and pray. Ask God to open your eyes so that you can see how He is moving in your life, even through the bad times.

Mission 11.2

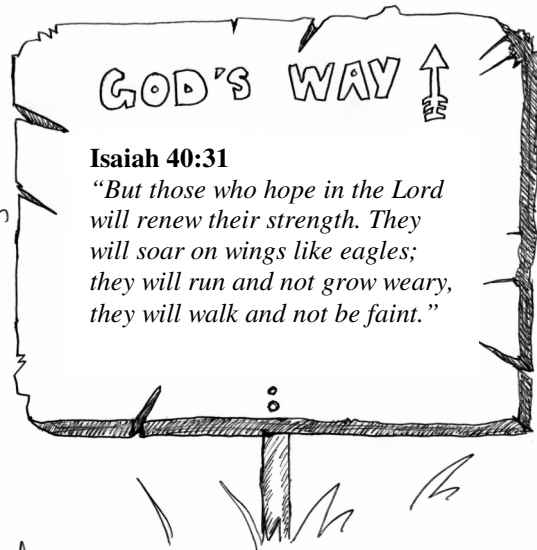
Make a list of the devil's lies that you believed. Ask God to show you what is true.

Mission 11.4

Pray for the three people. Ask God to open their eyes so they will see what is true and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

DAY 12

WHAT IS HOPE?



Isaiah 40:31

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Do you remember when you were a little kid and it was almost Christmas? Most little kids get so excited they can hardly stand it. They know something wonderful is about to happen. They know that they are about to feel great joy and love. But, they have to wait until Christmas morning to open their gifts.

That is what hope is. Hope is waiting. It is waiting on God when you know He is about to do something wonderful. Hope is patient.

Hope is not blind. We have hope because we know God. He loves us and wants what is best for us. We

can have hope because we can trust God to do what He has promised.

Read these two scriptures about hope:

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIrV)

Command people who are rich in this world not to be proud. Tell them not to put their hope in riches. Wealth is so uncertain. Command those who are rich to put their hope in God. He richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Romans 15:4 (NIrV)

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us strength to go on. They cheer us up and give us hope.

Mission 12.1

Read the following story. Think about where Melody placed her hope.

Once there was a girl named Melody. She was beautiful. She had beautiful green eyes and dark brown hair. She was tall and slim. She had a wonderful smile. Everyone wanted to be her friend.

Melody's best friend was Jesus. She loved Jesus. She loved going to church. Her Daddy was the pastor, so she went to church a lot! The thing that Melody loved best about going to church was singing. She had a beautiful voice.

When Melody was a teenager, she sang in the school chorus as well as in church. Her singing groups were winning all sorts of contests.

One day, she was driving home from a friend's house in her new car. She lost control of the car and it jumped off the highway and hit a tree. Melody's car was totally smashed. Smoke began to come out of the car. The accident was so bad that the police called a helicopter to airlift Melody to the hospital.

When Melody woke up in the hospital, she was glad to be alive, but she hurt. She looked at her face in the mirror. She had a hole the size of her fist in her cheek. Her front teeth were broken. Her lip was cut. She looked awful! She cried. Her looks, her car and her ability to talk and to sing were all gone.

Her family, friends, and church prayed for Melody. She had bandages, cuts, bruises, and stitches. She could not smile because some of the nerves of her face were cut.

One year later, Melody was asked to give her testimony and sing. She showed the pictures of the accident. No one could believe that she survived such a bad wreck. When she started to sing, the audience braced themselves, knowing that it takes a long time to recover a voice after that much damage.

Melody's voice surprised everyone. It was strong and beautiful. Yes, there are scars on the one side of her face. But her voice was made perfect.

In her testimony, Melody told everyone how much she loved Jesus. She did not talk about her beauty, talents or the things of the world. Melody talked about Jesus because her hope is in Jesus.

Mission 12.2

Think about Melody's story. How would you act if you were in a bad car crash? Would you try to blame others or feel sorry for yourself?

Mission 12.3

Pray for your three people. Ask God to help them find their hope in Him. Ask God to give you words of hope for them.

DAY 13

YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Yesterday, you read a story about Melody. In many ways, she had it made. She was beautiful, talented, had great parents, and had a great miracle in her life. It is easy to believe that Melody is important to God.

What about you? Do you believe that you are important to God?_____

Why?

What are some of the things that prevent you from believing you are important to God?

What does God say about how important you are to Him?
(For example, you could look at Deuteronomy 32:10, Psalm 17:8, Romans 5:8, Galatians 4: 6-7, or Zephaniah 3:17)
(Use words or draw pictures)

Mission 13.1

Memorize Zephaniah 3:17. Write it on a card to help you remember it. Be ready to quote it to your parents or a leader.

(This is the NIV version. You can memorize it in any version you want)

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you.

He is mighty enough to save you.

He will take great delight in you.

The quietness of his love will calm you down.

He will sing with joy because of you.

Mission 13.2

Describe one time God was with you or He was mighty enough to save you.



Angela sees herself in the mirror as a princess because God says in the Bible that all of His children are princes and princesses in His heavenly kingdom. Anyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior becomes part of God's family. As Angela puts her faith in Jesus, her identity and worth come from God not what others say about her.

Mission 13.3

Pray for your three people. Remember, they are important to God.

DAY 14

PERSONAL JOURNEY DAY

Today is a different type of mission. There is no prepared topic for today. Instead, you will simply spend time with God, listening to Him.

Mission 14.1

Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to help you select a Bible story or chapter.

What story or chapter did you select?_____

Read the story or chapter.

What is it about? (Use words or draw a picture)

Ask God to teach you something through the story or chapter.

What is God teaching you?

Mission 14.2

- Take some time today to pray for your family and friends. Pray for your teachers and pastor. Ask for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit in the life all the people that are close to you. Ask for opportunities to minister to unsaved kids and parents in your community.

Mission 14.3

Don't forget to pray for your 3 people!

DAY 15

WHAT IS LOVE?

Read the following:

1 John 3:16

We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his life for us.

So we ought to give our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Think about that. Love is giving your life for someone else. It is putting their needs before your wants.

Mission 15.1

Pray 1 Corinthians 13 (the Love Chapter) with me.

Love is patient

Lord, help me be patient today. I say I love my family, but sometimes it is so hard to be patient with my sister (or brother). Help me to love them by being patient. Lord, I know this prayer is asking for them to be annoying, because it is when they are annoying, that I have trouble being patient. Give me opportunities to be patient today.

Love is kind.

Lord, help me show your love to someone through kindness today. Place an opportunity in my path and help me to be kind. Lord, maybe I could write an encouraging card to someone or maybe I could help that grouchy lady next door with her yard work. Lord, I do not care what it is. Just give me an opportunity to be kind today.

It does not want what belongs to others.

Lord, I know that if I love someone, I am not jealous of them or want what they have. It is so hard not to be jealous! Help me to be happy in what you have provided for me. Help me be happy when someone who does not deserve anything, gets something new. I want to be happy for them and with them. Right now, I am having trouble with not being jealous. Would you please change that bad attitude in me? Do what ever it takes, Lord.

It does not brag. It is not proud.

Lord, I am so proud. I want to tell everyone all the good things I have done. Forgive me for being self-centered. Help me to find all the great things about the people around me. Help me be able to brag on them, rather than on myself. Help me to be proud of what You are doing in their lives.

It is not rude.

Lord, rude things come out of my mouth. Forgive me. Help me replace those rude remarks with acts of kindness. Provide opportunities today for me to practice being patient and kind rather than being rude. Yes, Lord, I realize that I am asking for someone to be rude to me,

since that is when I am usually rude back, but I want to show your love. I can only do that when I put someone else first.

It does not look after its own interests.

Lord, I really want my own way. Forgive me for being selfish. Help me to put the needs and interests of others before my own interests. Help me be happy when someone else is praised for their efforts.

It does not easily become angry.

Lord, sometimes I do not show my anger, but I hold it inside. I know that anger and love cannot both be in my heart. Cleanse me from my anger. Help me love another person rather than being angry with them. Give me opportunities today to love the people around me rather than be angry with them. I know that I am asking for those around me to “push my buttons,” but I want to learn to love rather than being angry.

It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs.

Lord, my natural tendency is to keep count of how many times my brothers and sisters get away with wrong things. Help me turn that tendency to counting how many times they are kind. Help me love them.

Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when truth is spoken.

Lord, I do love to hear bad things about people. I repent. Please forgive me and help me to not listen to bad things about people. Help me instead to rejoice when the truth is spoken. Help me bring joy to the people around me.

It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

Love never fails.

Lord, help me love other people the way you love them.
Amen.

Mission 15.2

What happened when you prayed this prayer?

What did the Lord teach you about love?

DAY 16

LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

Mission 16.1

Memorize Colossians 3:13-14. This is NCV, but you can memorize it in any version you like. Write it down on a note card. Bring the note card with you to Boot Camp. Be ready to quote the verse when you get to boot camp.

Colossians 3:13-14

Do not be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive them. Forgive each other because the Lord forgave you. Do all these things; but most important, love each other. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity.

Mission 16.2

Practice loving the unlovable today.

First, pray and ask God to show you somebody that you are having trouble loving. Maybe they hurt you. Maybe you are angry with them. Ask God to help you love them. If you need to release your anger to God, it is ok to express your feelings in prayer. Ask God to show you His love for them. Remember, Jesus showed His love for us by dying on the cross for us while we were yet sinners. (Romans 5:8) Ask God how you can show His love.

Start with your family. Rather than getting annoyed with a family member, love them. For example, love your brother or sister when he or she is picking on you.

Explain how you loved them and how your family member responded.

Now, love your enemy. This could be someone who was mean to you last year at school, church, the neighborhood bully. (Again, if you absolutely can not think of how to be nice to them, spend at least 7 minutes in prayer for them.)

Explain what you did. How was it showing love to the unlovable?

What is God showing you about loving the unlovable?



Mission 16.3

Pray that God will show you how to love the unlovable people you meet. Ask the Lord to change your heart if you are upset about something that happened in the past.

DAY 17

SPEAKING IN LOVE

James 3:5-9 (The Message)

A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it.

It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mind can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue – it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image.

Mission 17.1

Think about a time when the words you spoke hurt someone.

Yes, you have said something that hurt someone!

If you haven't already done so, repent and ask God (and the other person) to forgive you.

Remember that repenting is turning from the wrong way and turning toward God's way.

Mission 17.2

Choose how you will speak this summer. Circle what you are going to do and cross out what you are not going to do.

Gossip (spread idle talk or groundless rumor)

Edify (speak words of encouragement)

Slander (telling lies about someone)

Truth telling (speaking the truth)

Back talk to leaders

Listening and obeying

Teasing

Kind words

Complaining (through whining,
words or eye-rolling)

Helping (through actions, words,
and attitudes)

Go through the list again. Put a star next to the things that are hard to do. Ask God to help you.

Mission 17.3

Take the Pure Speech Pledge. Put your initials next to each promise as you commit to it. Sign the whole pledge at the bottom. Your signature says that you promise to use your words to build people up, not tear them down.

If you are not willing to do a promise, ask God for help. If, after prayer, you are still not willing to do what the promise says, talk about it with your parents or leader.

Pure Speech Pledge

_____ May my words honor God and bless others on the team.

_____ God, help me to avoid godless talk including gossip, slander, and impure speech.

_____ Lord, I will strive to build up others on the team by speaking words of encouragement in humility and love.

_____ When I am angry, upset, or hurt, I will submit my words to You, God, You will defend me and judge any evil talk.

_____ If I offend a team member, I will apologize and seek to reconcile with them.

_____ As I give my words to You, God, please use me to reach the lost and build up my team.

_____ I will use my tongue for good not evil. And if I mess up, I know Christ's blood makes me pure as I seek His forgiveness.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

DAY 18

THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

Have you ever noticed how many people wear a piece of jewelry that is in the shape of a pretty cross? I wonder if they realize what they are wearing.

Mission 18.1

Read Matthew 16:24-26 to see what Jesus says about the cross.

Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must pick up his cross and follow me. If he wants to save his life, he will lose it. But if he loses his life for me, he will find it. What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses his soul? Or what can anyone trade for his soul?"

Jesus died on the cross. The cross is a symbol of suffering, sacrifice and love. Jesus wants us to follow His example.

Explain what you think it will cost you to follow Jesus.

Mission 18.2

Write a prayer based on Ephesians 5:1-2. If you need ideas on how to write a prayer based on a scripture passage, go back to Day 15.

You are the children that God dearly loves. So be just like him. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did. He loved us. He gave himself up for us. He was a sweet smelling offering and sacrifice for us.

Mission 18.3

Pray that God will create opportunities for you to love others sacrificially today. Ask God to prepare your heart and even show you faces of people God wants you to serve, love or encourage.

DAY 19

WHAT IS PERSEVERANCE?



Through his journey Craig learns to trust God and persevere even when the climb was hard. **Will you keep on going this when it gets tough?**

Mission 19.1

Memorize 1 Corinthians 9:24. Be ready to quote it at Boot Camp. Write it on a note card. This is NCV, but you can memorize it in any version you wish.

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NCV)

*You know that in a race all the runners run.
But only one gets the prize.
So run like that. Run to win!*

Mission 19.2

RUN!

Warm up first, and then run until you are tired. You can run anywhere your parents allow you to run. Run up and down the steps. Run around the backyard. Run around the block. Just make sure your parents say its OK, but run.

Now, run some more.

Think, it is easy to start a race, but it is hard to finish. Run. The race is not yet finished.

When you know your race today is finished, you can stop running. Remember to cool down.

Think, when you were running, what were some of the things that slowed you down or made you want to quit?

Think, what were some of the things that made you keep going?

Living the life of being a Christian is like a race. There are many things that slow us down and make us want to quit.

Think, what are some of the things that slow you down or make you want to quit?

(Remember, you do not have to write down an answer to the think questions, but you do have to think about them)

The story of Paul and Silas in prison shows a good example of godly perseverance. Paul and Silas were trying to go to a prayer meeting. A slave girl kept interrupting them, calling after them. Paul and Silas realized that she had demon in her, which they ordered out of her. This made the owner of the slave girl very angry. He had Paul and Silas arrested and thrown into jail. Paul and Silas were stripped and beaten. They were put into a dark jail cell and their feet were chained.

Paul and Silas sang worship songs to the Lord. There was an earthquake that broke the chains, but Paul and Silas stayed where they were in the cell. The jailer thought he would have to kill himself because his prisoners escaped, but Paul and Silas stayed in the jail. They lead the jailer to the Lord.

How did Paul and Silas respond to being thrown in jail without cause?

Why did you think they did not complain and get angry with God?

Can you do the same thing the next time things don't go your way? _____

Mission 19.3

Make a decision today. When life is not nice to you, you can stop, whine, and complain. Or you can keep going, worshipping God, and continue doing what God has asked you to do. You have a choice. Circle your decision. Put lots of X's over the other choice.

When life is not nice to me, I am going to stop being a Christian. I am going to whine and complain.

When life is not nice to me, I am going to keep going. I am going to worship God. I am going to pray and ask God to help me be a mature Christian. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13) I am going to let this problem be an opportunity for me to grow! (James 1:2-4)

DAY 20

LIVING IN THE LET DOWN

Let me tell you a story.

Once upon a time, there was a young Christian named Darren. He was excited about the youth mission trip and worked very hard on his home preparation Bible study. Once training camp started, he was even more excited. He made two really good friends. The three guys enjoyed hanging out together in any free time they had. At first, Darren felt a little awkward learning the new songs and choreography. Sometimes he felt like he could not dance, act or sing well compared to the other kids. But somehow, he learned the dramas.

Darren really enjoyed the worship sessions in training camp. One night he prayed that the Lord would fill him with His Holy Spirit and that he would be used in a mighty way on the trip. It was so cool when he started speaking in tongues. God even gave him pictures in his head about what He was going to do through Darren during outreach!

Darren also enjoyed his daily Bible readings. It was almost like the Lord was shining a flash light on certain verses. It was like the words that the Lord wanted Darren to read were in bold print. It felt like God was speaking directly to him through the words. Darren couldn't believe how much fun it was to read the Bible.

On the first outreach, Darren was nervous. He prayed and knew that God would make everything ok. He met a little boy named Joey. Joey was sad. His dad had left the family and was moving far away. Darren remembered how it felt when his dad left. He and his friend Kenny talked to Joey for a while. Joey asked Darren how he could be so happy even without a dad. Darren told Joey about the Lord and how much God loved him. Together they prayed. Joey accepted Jesus into his heart. Darren was so excited!

On each outreach, Darren was able to talk to someone about the Lord. He was able to lead six more people to accept Jesus into their hearts. He enjoyed the outreaches.

When he got home from the mission trip, Darren was really tired. He slept most of the next two days! Somehow, as he was unpacking, Darren couldn't find his Bible. "Oh, well," he thought, "its ok if I don't read my Bible today." That one day became two, and then three, and then a week. Somehow, worshipping God was not as much fun without his buddies, so he didn't do it as much either. Soon, he wasn't reading the Bible or worshipping at all. He also wasn't talking to anyone about the Lord. All he seemed to do was hang out with his friends, watch TV, go to school, and play soccer.

Soon it was February. Darren realized that he had drifted away from the Lord. It was really hard to fill out the new mission trip application. He wasn't excited about much of anything anymore.

Mission 20.1

Think about the story. What did Darren do during the home preparation study and training camp that helped him get close to God? Why was he excited?

What did Darren do during the let-down after the mission trip? (or what did he not do?)

What happened to his relationship with God?

Mission 20.2

What are you going to do about the let-down after you finish The Adventure?

Mission 20.3

Go back to Day 4. Pick one of the names of God that means a lot to you and make a poster. If you are an artist, consider drawing a picture. Or you could cut pictures out of a magazine or print out an image from the Web. On the poster put an image or images showing the theme you select. Find a Bible verse relating to the theme and write it on the poster.

DAY 21

COUNT THE COST

Do you remember the choice you made two days ago? Since you are still doing the home qualifying adventure, you made the choice to follow Jesus, worship Him, and use any difficulties as opportunities to grow.



Following Jesus is not always easy. Jesus said, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross everyday and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

Later, Jesus said, "Anyone who doesn't carry his cross and follow me can't be my disciple." Then he continued, "Suppose someone wants to build a tower. Won't he sit down and figure out how much it will cost? Then he will see whether he has enough money to finish it. Suppose he starts building and is not able to finish. Then everyone who sees what he has done will laugh at him. They will say, 'This fellow started to build. But he wasn't able to finish.'" (Luke 14: 27- 30)

Craig and Angela had to decide if they were willing to pay the price to obey God. They know that God's way are better in the long run but are tougher at first. The good news is that Jesus said He would help them every step of the way. They count the cost and chose to follow God's will. **What will you do?**

What will it cost you to follow Jesus?

(Check boxes next to actions that are hard for you to do)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> reading your Bible every day | <input type="checkbox"/> being nice to people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> obeying the rules | <input type="checkbox"/> eating without complaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lack of sleep | <input type="checkbox"/> talking to people you do not know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> worshipping God | <input type="checkbox"/> not watch TV or play video games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cold showers | <input type="checkbox"/> having to take a shower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> witnessing in the hot sun | <input type="checkbox"/> being nice to people who are not nice |

What else will it cost you?

Have you ever done a prayer of pretending? Close your eyes and ask God to help you pretend. In your mind, pretend that you are throwing all of your great things into the trash can. Pretend that you are throwing your soccer trophy into the trashcan. Pretend you are throwing your musical instrument or your favorite art project into the trashcan. Pretend you are throwing your report card into the trashcan. Pretend you are throwing your favorite video game into the trashcan. Pretend that you are throwing everything that means anything to you into the trashcan.

How do you feel?

Did it cost you something, even while pretending, to throw all your great stuff away?

Think: Now ask God to help you pretend you are at a youth camp/mission trip. Pretend you have just been asked to scrub the toilet. What are you going to do? Pretend you are at your first outreach and the people there do not look interested in your witness. What are you going to do?

Think: Now ask God to help you pretend you are home from the camp/mission trip. Pretend your little sister is being totally annoying. What are you going to do? Pretend you are at school and the other kids are making fun of someone. What are you going to do? Pretend you wake up one morning and just do not feel like doing your Quiet Time. What are you going to do?

What will it cost you to follow Jesus?

Are you willing to count the cost, pay the price, and follow Jesus?_____