

## SAMPLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPING PRESENTATION

**This presentation description may be used to promote summer camping programs at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa.**

**Time needed:** 20 minutes

**Setting:** Any room large enough to accommodate the audience, a large Sunday school room or a fellowship hall

**Target Audience:** Camp age children and their parents

**Props:** a moderate size daypack, duffel bag, or a suitcase; assorted items to depict and describe what goes on at camp and what camp is like. You could even dress like a camper – wear a camp t-shirt – and play the role of a camper yourself or get an older youth/former camper to act out the dialogue.

**Dialogue:** Tell the group that you have been asked to talk about what it is like at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa and why they should attend camp this summer...

*...I have been invited to tell you about camp and encourage you to attend camp this summer. As I was thinking about camp and what fun it is I remembered that I had not unpacked my (or my son's/daughter's) suitcase from last summer when I was at camp. So I started looking for it and when I found it I decided to bring it along and unpack it here. Let's see what is in here and what we can learn about camp.*

Take out:

- **A photo of a friend.** *This was my best friend at camp last summer. We were in the same cabin and had a great time. Tell the group some of the things you and your friend did/liked about camp.*
- **A craft item/project (a carving, clay object, painted rock, etc...)** *One of my favorite things to do at camp was going to arts and crafts. This is one of my projects. Try to make this funny by showing a silly object.*
- **A bunch of dry leaves.** *I don't know how these got in there, but there is sure a lot of nature at camp. Streams to explore, animals to find and learn about. We even found a big green frog (or other camp animal). Now that I'm thinking about it, I thought I put that frog in here to bring home. Ah, here it is...**Pull out a rubber frog and look surprised and toss it into the audience.***
- **A small musical instrument like a harmonica or kazoo.** *We did lots of singing at camp too. Play a few bars of a camp song and/or teach a camp song to the group.*
- **A swimming suit that is either way to big or too small for you.** *We did lots of swimming at camp too. The pool was great for cooling off on a hot afternoon.*

- **A muddy sock or sneaker.** *We went canoeing and on a stream hike and had a water battle too. We got all wet and had a great time. I think I lost my other shoe doing that.*
- **A Bible.** *We did a bible study every day. It was lots of fun doing bible studies at camp. We did them outside, and learned a lot about Jesus and our faith. I can't wait to go back this summer. I heard that the Bible studies for this summer are going to be even better than last summer. One of my camp friends wrote me a letter and told me that the Bible study theme for this summer is called Love to Serve.*
- **A Cross.** *We had worship every day at camp too. Some time we had camp fires with lots of singing. Other times we did devotions in our cabins just before going to bed, and other times we had worship in the morning. It was really cool to know that we can worship and pray any time and anywhere. Some times we even did skits as part of worship.*
- **A big spoon or some play food.** *The food at camp was great. Some times we even got to cook outside over fires.*
- **A flashlight – a really big flashlight if possible.** *I thought it would be scary at camp in the woods after dark. But my counselor taught us that there is nothing to be scared about at camp. In fact, we learned to walk around the camp in the dark without flashlights. One night, we even went on a sleep out. That was a great time. We had a camp fire and made s'mores.*
- **Other activity related objects of your choice (balls, Frisbee, etc...) we played all kinds of games and sports at camp.** *The great thing about it was that everyone played for fun and had a good time. You would play hard and wanted to win, but having fun and doing your best was the most important thing. Option: play a short, simple, non-active game at this point.*
- **A 2009 summer camp brochure.** *Share the brochure with the campers. There is so much to do at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa that no matter what you enjoy, there is a camp and program that you will have a great time at. The hardest part is choosing which camp and which program you would like to try.*
- **If time permits, more items could be taken from the suitcase.** *For example: a pocket knife, other natural objects, a hiking boot, a marshmallow on a stick.*

Be sure to allow time to answer questions.