

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Huh? That's a weird thing to say in the middle of the summer. But hear us out...

Christmas is the theme of Youthfront Camp this year. All of our HYPEs are going to have a holiday feel to them. Yes, even Night Strike! It's going to be silly, festive, and fun. Christmas is also our featured story during the evening and morning gatherings. Get ready to celebrate Christmas at a not-normal time and reimagine what it was like for the main characters. As we go along, let's wonder, "What does the Christmas story really mean about God? And what does it mean about you?"



# LIGHT iN DARKNESS

Kids Camp Journal  
SUMMER 2025

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## 2-Night Schedule

### Day 1

10:15am Camp Kickoff  
11:30am Cabin Time  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:00pm Free Time  
5:00pm Cabin Time  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Evening Gathering  
7:30pm Cabin Experience  
8:30pm HYPE: Night Strike  
9:30pm Back to Cabins  
10:00pm Compline & Lights Out

### Day 2

7:15am Wake Up  
8:00am Morning Prayer  
8:15am Breakfast  
9:00am Morning Gathering  
10:00am Cabin Activities  
11:30am HYPE: Shaving Cream Party  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:00pm Free Time  
5:00pm Cabin Time  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm HYPE: Santa's Surf Shack  
8:30pm Evening Gathering  
9:30pm Cabin Experience  
10:00pm Compline & Lights Out

### Day 3

7:15am Wake Up  
8:15am Breakfast  
8:45am Final Cabin Time  
9:30am Camp Finale  
11:00am Camp Closes

## 3-Night Schedule

### Day 1

10:15am Camp Kickoff  
11:30am Cabin Time  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:00pm Free Time  
5:00pm Cabin Time  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Evening Gathering  
7:45pm Cabin Reflection  
8:30pm HYPE: Night Strike  
9:45pm Back to Cabins  
10:30pm Compline/Lights Out

### Day 2

7:15am Wake Up  
8:00am Morning Prayer  
8:15am Breakfast  
9:15am Morning Gathering  
10:00am Cabin Experience  
11:30am HYPE: Shaving Cream Party  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:00pm Free Time  
5:00pm Cabin Time  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm HYPE: Santa's Surf Shack  
8:30pm Evening Gathering  
9:30pm Cabin Reflection  
10:30pm Compline/Lights Out

### Day 3

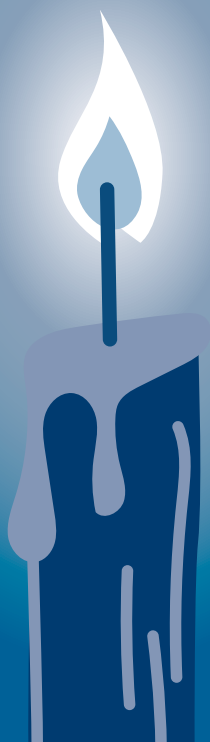
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8:15am Breakfast  
9:15am Morning Gathering  
10:00am Cabin Experience  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:00pm Free Time  
5:00pm Cabin Time  
6:00pm Dinner  
6:45pm Evening Gathering  
7:45pm HYPE: Candy Cane Quest  
8:45pm Campfire/Cabin Reflection  
9:45pm Back to Cabins  
10:30pm Compline & Lights Out

### Day 4

7:15am Wake Up  
8:15am Breakfast  
8:45am Final Cabin Time  
9:30am Camp Finale  
11:00am Camp Closes

The people  
walking in darkness  
have seen a  
**GREAT LIGHT,**  
on those living in the land  
of deep darkness  
**A LIGHT HAS DAWNED.**

Isaiah 9:2 NIV



# A FLAME

## God Comes to Us

### KEY VERSE

While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

Luke 2:6-7

### GATHERING NOTES:

Write or draw one or two new things that you learned about Jesus today.



## Journal Reflection

A FLAME

Hold up! Don't use this page until your Cabin Leader instructs you to do so.

Complete the sentences in the image below to describe some times you might feel like you are in darkness.

Color the spaces with sentences black. Color the spaces with symbols orange. Then use the key below to decode the hidden sentence.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
☼	◆	⌘	▲	◎	×	☺	☙	☼	■	✦	☼	☼	○	★	✦	☹	☹	☐	☒	+	✕	☼	•	☹	☼

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ !

### PRAY

Dear Jesus,

Sometimes things feel really dark. When I am having these feelings, remind me that you came to Earth as a baby; that you know what it's like to be a kid like me. Remind me that even though things may seem hard sometimes, I am not alone because you are with me.

Amen

## Cabin Chill Time

Find and circle the 8 different sources of light in the image below.



Unscramble the words below to see if you found all 8 light sources.

- aplm \_\_\_\_\_
- veodahre tilhg \_\_\_\_\_
- itgnh hight \_\_\_\_\_
- nomo \_\_\_\_\_
- sievitloen \_\_\_\_\_
- srtsa \_\_\_\_\_
- aedncl \_\_\_\_\_
- htsigafhlh \_\_\_\_\_

# A CONNECTION

## God is With Us

### KEY VERSE

But Mary treasured up  
all these things and pondered  
them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

### GATHERING NOTES:

Write or draw one or two new things that you learned about Jesus today.



# Journal Reflection

**Hold up!** Don't use this page until your Cabin Leader instructs you to do so.

## PSALM 63:1A SAYS...

**"God, you are my God. I seek you with all my heart." (NIRV)**

There are many different ways to connect to God. Use your Bible to look up some of the different ways you can seek and connect with God.



**Psalm 104:33** says I connect to God when I...

**Psalm 119:105** says I connect to God when I...



**Ephesians 6:18** says I connect to God when I...

**Acts 2:46** says I connect to God when I...



## PRAY

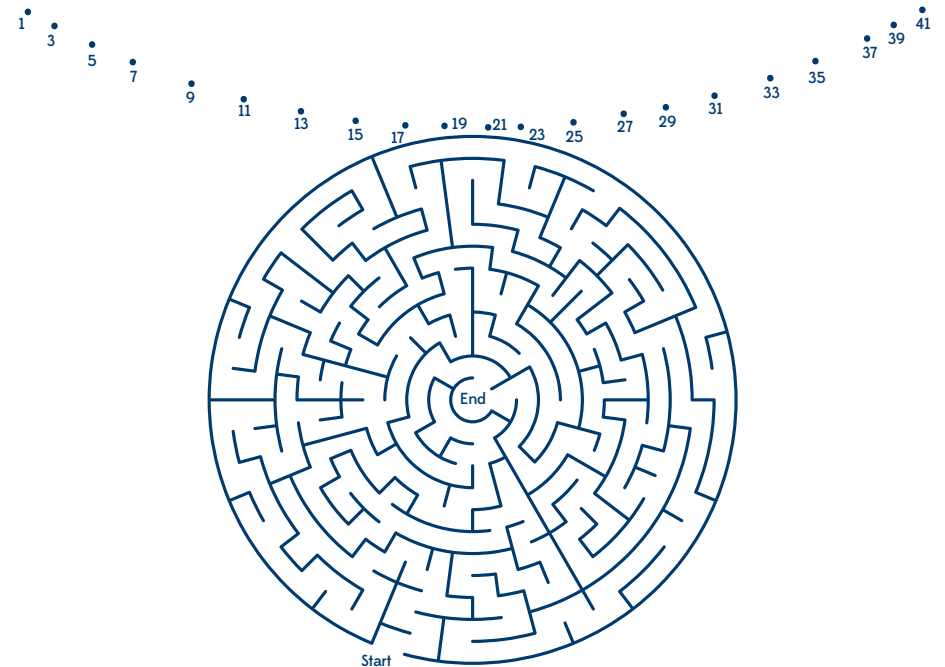
Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving me. I want to learn to know you and love you more.  
Help me feel close to you and remember you as I go throughout my day.

Amen

# Cabin Chill Time

Complete the dot-to-dot and solve the maze to finish this light source.



# A REFLECTION

## God Invites Us to Join

### KEY VERSE

When [the shepherds] had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:17-18

### GATHERING NOTES:

Write or draw one or two new things that you learned about Jesus today.

# A REFLECTION



## Journal Reflection

**Hold up!** Don't use this page until your Cabin Leader instructs you to do so.

Someone from my school is: \_\_\_\_\_  
I can show them Jesus's light by...



Someone from my neighborhood is: \_\_\_\_\_  
I can show them Jesus's light by...



Someone from my family is: \_\_\_\_\_  
I can show them Jesus's light by...



### PRAY

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for my family, my friends, and my neighbors. These people are so special to me. Help me care for them; show me ways I can reflect the light of your love to them.

Amen

# TELL YOUR STORY!

## Start Here

Telling other people about Jesus doesn't have to be scary or hard. You don't need to know everything about the Bible. It can be as simple as telling your friends and family about your time at camp. Fill in the blanks to write a story you can use to tell others about Jesus.

This summer I went to camp at Youthfront Camp West.  
The most fun thing I got to do was...

The funniest thing that happened was when...

My cabin leader's name was \_\_\_\_\_  
and the thing that made them really special to me was...

My favorite part about the Gathering was ...

I liked that part of Gathering because...

One thing that I learned about God is...



# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## Old Testament

Genesis	2nd Chronicles	Daniel
Exodus	Ezra	Hosea
Leviticus	Nehemiah	Joel
Numbers	Esther	Amos
Deuteronomy	Job	Obadiah
Joshua	Psalms	Jonah
Judges	Proverbs	Micah
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Nahum
1st Samuel	Song of Songs	Habakkuk
2nd Samuel	Isaiah	Zephaniah
1st Kings	Jeremiah	Haggai
2nd Kings	Lamentations	Zechariah
1st Chronicles	Ezekiel	Malachi

## New Testament

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	1st Peter
John	1st Thessalonians	2nd Peter
Acts	2nd Thessalonians	1st John
Romans	1st Timothy	2nd John
1st Corinthians	2nd Timothy	3rd John
2nd Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation



**Want to earn some extra points for your team?**

Memorize these books of the Bible along with each day's memory verses. Once you've memorized them, tell your cabin leaders!

# COMPLINE

*+In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God said, "Let there be light"

**Campers: And there was light.**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World."

**Campers: And the Light shone in the darkness.**

Leader: Jesus said, "You are the Light of the World."

**Campers: May our light shine before others.**

## PSALM 139:7-12

<sup>7</sup> How can I get away from your Spirit?

Where can I go to escape from you?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there.

If I lie down in the deepest parts of the earth, you are also there.

<sup>9</sup> Suppose I were to rise with the sun in the east.

Suppose I travel to the west where it sinks into the ocean.

<sup>10</sup> Your hand would always be there to guide me.

Your right hand would still be holding me close.

<sup>11</sup> Suppose I were to say, "I'm sure the darkness will hide me.

The light around me will become as dark as night."

<sup>12</sup> Even that darkness would not be dark to you.

The night would shine like the day,

because darkness is like light to you.

Silently reflect on the day and ask yourself,

"What is one way I saw God's light today?"

## PRAYER

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake  
we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*+Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, it is now, and shall be for ever and ever.  
Alleluia. Amen.*



**BACK FOR 2026 - SAVE THE DATE!**

# SOMETHING TO EAT KC

**A City-Wide Meal Packing Event**

**Feb 28, 2026**

Bring your family and friends for this fun service event -  
help package meals for neighbors in need!

Learn more: [somethingtoeat.org](https://somethingtoeat.org)

**There's more in store!**



## Hey 5th and 6th graders!

Next year, you get to come for a whole week of camp!

That's right. As a middle schooler, you get the full Monday through Friday camp experience.

Middle School sessions have MORE nights! That means there's MORE time for fun! MORE ice cream! MORE HYPE! MORE Night Strike... wait, uh, well. It's the same amount of Night Strike, but it's on a much cooler field with MORE challenges!

And yes, Middle School Camp has MORE gatherings, meaning MORE time for spiritual growth!

**We hope to see you there!**

# Camp West Map

