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FAMILY CAMP GUIDE WEEK 2

Family CAMP devotions are a way to come together as a family and interact with God's Word. We will go through the entire Bible together this summer!

Don't miss the opportunity to CAMP with your family each week using this simple family devotion guide.

How do we CAMP as a family?

Come together
Access God's Word
Make conversation
Pray



C: Come Together

Come together and remove distractions. Prepare your heart and mind to hear from God's Word together today by thinking about someone you trust. Why do you trust that person? What has that person done to earn your trust?

A: Access God's Word

Access God's Word by reading today's Bible passage together and the daily devotion aloud.

Open your Bible and read aloud 1 Samuel 7: 32-50.

David Puts His Trust In God

David wasn't even on the battlefield, because he wasn't a soldier at all. He was a shepherd. He only found himself on the front lines of battle, because he obediently carried out a task for his father: taking food to his brothers who were engaged in a stand-off with the Philistines.

Things changed when David arrived. Goliath began his daily ritual of taunting the Israelites, just as he had twice each day for 40 days. David didn't think twice. He knew the Lord was on the Israelites' side, and he couldn't believe the Philistines would defy God. He wanted to do what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He didn't wait to be called to battle; he volunteered!

David had reminders of God's faithfulness planted in his heart. He recalled times the Lord had protected him in the past, and he was confident God would protect him again this time.

Goliath walked into battle puffed up with pride in himself and his own accomplishments. David hadn't planned to go to battle that day. When he found himself in battle, he didn't trust in his own abilities. David trusted that the same God who had been faithful in his past would again be faithful in this circumstance.

M: Make Conversation

Make conversation around today's Bible passage and devotion by asking the questions provided. The goal of this time is to discover together the truths from God's Word and the daily devotion. Think of ways that you and your family can put this truth into action.

- 1. The Bible tells us God doesn't change. How did that help David have confidence in the Lord? (David trusted God would make a way for him to defeat the enemy.) How can that help you trust God more? (I can also trust that God will lead and guide me when I have to do difficult things. I am never alone.)
- 2. No one would have picked little David for the battle. How does God bring glory to Himself by choosing someone unlikely to accomplish His purposes? (God showed that the power was not in a person. It was God's power working in and through the person who surrendered their whole self to God.)
- 3. Why is it important for us to take time to remember all the things that God has done? (So that we do not forget He is faithful and so we can trust Him when He asks us to do difficult things.) What can we do to help us remember? (Read the Bible, memorize scripture, talk about those things as a family every day.)



P: Pray

Guide your family through a prayer to end your time together.

Praise God that He never changes.

Thank God for His faithfulness.

Confess any tendencies to fight battles on your own (without God).

Ask God to help you trust Him more deeply.

Ask God to help others see God's faithfulness in their lives when they have to walk through difficult times.

Family CAMP Activities

- 1. Listen to the song "Battle Belongs" by Phil Whickham. As you listen to the words, think about what it really means to give God control of all of your battles/struggles.
- 2. As a family, make a list of times the Lord has been faithful in your life. Continue to add to this list as you see God working in your family. Hang onto the list so you have a tangible reminder of how God has worked in your past and can be trusted with your future.

