



What do these stones mean?

AT A GLANCE


Bible

Joshua 4:1–7


Topic

Remembering God's help


Takeaway

I take a reminder of God's goodness home with me



5 minutes



Object: a flat stone and a waterproof pen for each child



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Remembering God's help". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Each child looks for a flat stone. Ask: Apart from your luggage, what are you taking home from camp?

2 min

Story

The people of Israel had wandered through the desert for forty years. Now they crossed the Jordan – and God held back the water so that everyone reached the new land on dry ground. Afterwards Joshua said: "Twelve men are each to fetch a stone from the Jordan." They built a memorial with them. "When your children ask later: What do these stones mean?, tell them what God has done for us."

1 min

Thought

The stones were a reminder so that no one would forget God's help. Now everyone writes a word on their stone for something good they experienced at camp with God or through others – e.g. "courage", "friends", "starry sky". Put the stones together in the middle, pray, and then everyone takes their stone home.

1 min

Question for all

Who will you tell at home what your stone means?



What do these stones mean?



Prayer to read aloud

Father in heaven, thank you for everything you have given us at camp. Help us not to forget it, and bring us home safely. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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