



Community for a while

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Psalm 133:1; Colossians 3:12–14



Topic

Camp community



Takeaway

A good camp happens when everyone looks out for each other



8 minutes



Object: a long rope and a poster with pens



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Camp community". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Everyone holds a long rope together. One person lets go, one pulls too hard. Ask: What happens to the rope – and to a group?

2 min

Bible text

Psalm 133 says: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Paul describes what that takes: "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together."

3 min

Thought

At camp you are together day and night: little sleep, cramped tents, different personalities. Things will grate sometimes. That is normal. What matters is how we deal with it. Write a camp promise together on the poster: what do we want to do for each other? What helps when there is an argument?

2 min

Conversation

What do you need to feel at home at this camp – and what can you contribute?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, give us a camp where we look out for each other. Clothe us in the love that holds everything together. Amen.



To think further

- How do we want to deal with arguments before they get big?
- How do we make sure nobody is left out?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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