



Not alone – sharing leadership at camp

AT A GLANCE


Bible

Exodus 18:17–23


Topic

Sharing responsibility


Takeaway

Good leadership is carried together – not alone



10–15 minutes



Object: a heavy rucksack and several empty bags



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire

♥ **Make it personal:** In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Sharing responsibility". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Let one person carry the heavy rucksack alone. Then share its contents among several bags. Ask: What changes?

3 min

Bible text

Moses sits alone from morning till evening settling the disputes of the whole people. His father-in-law Jethro watches and says: "What you are doing is not good. You and these people will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone." He advises him to choose capable, trustworthy people and share the responsibility. "That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you."

5 min

Thought

At camp there is a lot of responsibility to carry: programme, kitchen, safety, homesickness, conflicts, safeguarding the children. Nobody has to manage everything alone – and nobody should. Divide tasks clearly, coordinate, make sure you get breaks and sleep. Say so when something gets too much for you. That is not failure but wise leadership.

5 min

Conversation

Which task at this camp should you not carry alone?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, thank you for the team I am leading this camp with. Help us to share responsibility, look out for each other and keep the children safe. Amen.

To think further

- How do you notice that you are overdoing it?
- How do we as a team make sure everyone gets a break too?

For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.

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