

EPIPHANY WEEKEND OUTLINE

DAY ONE MESSAGE TO STARS: YOU ARE LOVED! GOD LOVES YOU!

THEME: We are created in the image of God. Therefore, although we sin, God does not forsake us. It would be enough that God does not abandon us, but God actively seeks a relationship with us based on love and grace.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY ONE:

- Welcome, introductions and get acquainted games
- Refreshments
- Talk #1: Goals (Lay talk) Core Ideas: We make choices. We need to determine our life goal. We can reach our life goal.
- Silent Reflection, discussion and summary period, posters
- Fruit of the Spirit and table names activity - decorate vine
- Chapel Service
- Scripture reading - Luke 2: 8-16
- Life of Christ Series Part I: Christ is born as told by a Shepherd
- Meditation: The Epiphany Story
- Scripture reading - John 11: 38-44
- Life of Christ Series Part IIA: Jesus' life as told by Peter
- Lunch
- Talk #2: My World (Lay Talk) Core Ideas: Who is God? God is love. How does God affect my World?
- Silent reflection, discussion and summary, posters
- Recreation
- Talk #3: You Are Not Alone (Clergy Talk) Core Ideas: God loves you! Who is Jesus? Jesus is our friend. Introduce Agape.

- Silent reflection, discussion and summary, posters
- Refreshments
- Chapel Service
- Scripture reading - Luke 15: 11-32
- Skit of the Prodigal Child
- Meditation and prayer: The Prodigal Child
- Weekend Guides visit with Stars - Witness and discuss prodigal child
- Recreation
- Dinner
- Share posters of the day
- Chapel Service
- Scripture reading - Matthew 26: 23-29
- Life of Christ Series Part IIB: Peter describes the Last Supper
- Scripture reading - Luke 23: 26-43
- Life of Christ Series Part III: John describes the Crucifixion
- Scripture reading - Matthew 28: 1-10
- Life of Christ Series Part IV: Mary Magdalene proclaims Jesus is Alive!
- Meditation: Life of Christ wrap-up
- Stars meet with Weekend Guides - Weekend Guides give Stars Bibles and pray with Stars
- Examination of conscience
- Wrap-up and goodnight!

DAY TWO MESSAGE TO STARS: YOU ARE FORGIVEN! GOD FORGIVES YOU!

THEME: Knowing God's love for us, we are empowered to confess our faults and change our attitudes and actions, centering our faith in Christ Jesus.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY TWO:

- Welcome - Weekend Guide greets Star
- Talk #4: Discovery (Lay Talk) Core Ideas: Overview the Bible. How to study the Bible. How the Bible supports us in our walk with the Lord
- Silent reflection, discussion and summary
- Stars meet with Weekend Guide and go over "Discovering God's Word" Worksheet
- Chapel Service
- Scripture reading - Matthew 6: 9-15 and Matthew 18: 21-22
- Skit of the Unforgiving Servant
- Meditation: Part 1 - Forgiveness of Others
- Witness to God's love
- Introduction of forgiveness lists
- Weekend Guides visit with Stars - Discuss forgiveness lists and add names
- Recreation
- Refreshments
- Talk #5: A Christian (Clergy Talk) Core Ideas: We are all sinners. Why God sent Jesus. Jesus died for us.
- Silent reflection, discussion and summary
- "What God created me to be" activity - play doh sculpture
- Lunch
- You are special! Birthday party
- Chapel Service - Meditation: Part 2 - Accepting God's forgiveness
- Weekend Guide activity: What I Believe and Wonder About worksheet
- Talk #6: Prayer (Lay Talk) Core Ideas: Who is the Holy Spirit? How can prayer help.

- Silent reflection, discussion and summary
- Table family prayer time
- Dinner
- Chapel Service
- Meet with weekend Guide – Weekend Guide give Stars T-shirts and pray with Star
- Prayer of commitment
- Open microphone
- Meditation: Part 3 - Forgiveness Lists
- Nailing of lists
- Forgiveness wrap-up

DAY THREE MESSAGE TO STARS: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU! GOD CALLS YOU!

THEME: Having experienced the love of God, having reconciled ourselves to others, we go out to love, serve, and grow in Christ Jesus.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY THREE:

- Weekend Guide greets Star with carnation and takes Star to table family
- Chapel Service
- Meditation: You have forgiven/You are forgiven/Share one another's burdens
- Lists are removed, placed in a bucket and burned
- Disposal of ashes
- Celebration party - refreshments
- Picture of each Star with team table family and Weekend Guide
- Talk #7: Love (Lay Talk) Core Ideas: Differentiate between God's love and human love. God's unconditional love.

- Silent reflection, discussion and summary
- Recreation
- Chapel Service
- Scripture Reading - Luke 10: 25-37
- Good Samaritan skit
- Meditation: Discipleship
- Lunch
- Agape letters
- Talk #8: Hang In There (Lay Talk.) Core Ideas: How to hang onto your friendship with God. Things to do with your friendship with God. The Church is the Community of Faith.
- Silent reflection, discussion and summary
- Explain closing - Distribute handout with questions for closing on it
- Table families discuss answers to three questions
- Weekend Guides and Stars meet to discuss mentoring/follow-up
- Fill out Weekend Guide form with Star and pray with Star
- Commissioning: "Christ is Counting On YOU!"
- Presentation of crosses
- Wrap-up and good-byes
- Chapel Service - Closing
- Processional (Community sings as Stars enter)
- Lay Director Introduction
- Song (Everyone sings at least one song together)
- Stars Share
- Fourth day speaker
- Closing prayer