

Children's Sermon Camping Sunday 2022

*For churches that are unable to play the video children's sermon, this text can be used by a volunteer, pastor, or someone who knows and loves our summer camps! Read aloud the parts in **bold**.*

Supplies: flashlight and 5 small rocks with one of the following words: "Love", "Faith", "Courage", "Humility", and "Honesty" written on each.

Good Morning! We've heard alot about summer camps today and you know what's really special about camping? It's that when we're deep in nature or surrounded by friends and family we feel even more connected to God, we can see and feel God all around us.

"Quinipet" is kind of a funny word, huh? Does anyone know what it means?

allow children time to make guesses

"Quinipet" means "Five Rocks" in Latin! "Quini-" comes from the root word for Five, and "Pet" comes from the root word for rocks.

show children the 5 rocks you have

There are 5 very large boulders on Quinipet's property, and they were deposited by glaciers millions of years ago! Many years later they were named for Quinipet's 5 foundational values:

show each rock with the correct word as you name them

"Love", "faith", "courage", "humility", and "honesty"

These words hold really important meanings not only to us but to God. When we are loving to others, when we have Faith in God, when we are brave enough to be ourselves, when we help someone in need, and when we tell the truth even when it's hard to....in all of these ways we are coming closer to God and doing as God taught us.

Can I see a show of hands of anyone who's ever been to a summer camp? **show hands**

How about a show of hands who has been to Quinipet or Kingswood? **show hands**

Who's ever been camping with their family? **show hands**

You know, sometimes when I'm camping, it can get very dark..because there's less electricity and light pollution! But even in that darkness, I am not afraid. Do you know why?

Hold up flashlight

Because I have my trusty flashlight to light my way. I turn it on and point it a few feet in front of me and I can see where I'm going. I can't see the whole path, just enough to keep me safe. With the help of my flashlight, I do not stumble.

This flashlight reminds me of God's Word. In the old testament David wrote a Psalm where he says "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." The Bible is like my flashlight. It tells me about living my life with God. God's word gives a bit of light for the path of my life. I can't see all that God has for me at once, but it's lit up by the Bible a little bit at a time.

Please join me in prayer,

Thank you for lighting up our lives a bit at a time with your Word. Thank you, God, for our camps, Quinipet and Kingswood where we can enjoy your creation with family and friends. Bless the staff at both camps as they prepare for a fun summer season. In Jesus's name, Amen