



Camp Sunday Ideas

Thank you for helping share about Gretna Glen in your church community! Here are two skits that provide options for whatever way your church is gathering. Feel free to embellish the skit or use the pre-recorded option provided by Olivia.

Option #1-Never Ending Bag Skit

This skit is intended for you to perform live on zoom or use our prerecorded skit video titled the 'Never Ending Bag Skit'.

You will need:

A paper bag – medium to large gift bag size

Scissors/Exacto knife

A paper cut out to represent a camper (think 'action figure' size cut out)

Various Camp Items (see example in skit description)

Prep:

Cut a flap in the back of your paper bag, leaving the top connected, big enough that you can reach through it to grab your items.

Then practice showing that the bag is empty and has a bottom. Place the bag on a table in front of your camera so it looks like you are reaching into the bag for your items. When you reach in, grasp your item(s) through the flap. Practice the finesse of pulling the items out of the bag, one at a time, so it looks like the items were in the bag.

Skit Description:

"I'm so excited to tell you all about camp! Camp is so amazing because so much is packed into one little week. It's kind of like this bag."

Show bag. Show that it is flat, empty, and has a bottom. Be sure you don't show the cut out in the back.

"This bag is empty - there is nothing inside it – kind of like a week of camp without campers, without you."

Add your camper cutout to the bag and give it a little shake.

“But when we add campers to a week of camp, we can get amazing things out of it”

Start pulling your items out of the bag and explain what they mean one by one

For example – pull out a friendship bracelet and say “a week at camp can be full of new friendships” Or pull out a bible and say “a week of camp is full of moments to learn more about God”

Other Items Suggestions

- Binoculars – Learning new things/seeing a new perspective
- Pool Noodle/ Sunscreen – fun in the sun
- Water bottle – a chance to be responsible for yourself
- Sneaker – new adventures
- Umbrella – There will be fun rain or shine
- Party streamer – This summer is about sharing our joy

Pull your camper cutout back out of the bag.

“Don’t forget that one of the most important parts of camp is you! You are invited to Camp at Gretna Glen this summer.”

Option #2-Sharing Our Joy Skit

Children’s Church or Children’s Sermon

You will need:

A bag of party supplies – balloons, streamers, party hats, etc

A second person – perhaps a pastor or worship leader to read Person 1

Enthusiasm

For the Children lesson option– Printed Copies of the “sharing our joy” invitation and coloring supplies

Skit Description:

Person 1 - “*Person 2* would like to come and make an announcement about summer camp.”

As enthusiastically as possible come up to the front, stand up in your seat, appear in your zoom square, whatever applies to your church during this time. – Begin using your party supplies to decorate for a party.

Person 1 - “*Person 2*, what are you doing!?!”

Person 2 - “I’m so excited! I’m sharing our joy!!”

Person 1 - “Sharing our joy? What do you mean?”

Person 2 - “Yes! This summer at Gretna Glen is all about sharing our Joy!”

Person 1 - “What Joy?”

Person 2 - “The joy of God’s love for us. The joy of prayer. The joy of new friends. The joy of God’s creation. You know, the joy!”

Person 1 - "that's a lot of joy! Where can I learn about going to camp?"

Person 2 - *give info about camp including – Gretna Glen's website, brochure, talking to you, etc.*

Person 1 - "thanks *Person 1!* I hope we have a lot of campers learn how to share their joy at camp this summer"

After performing the skit, read or have a student read **Luke 6:12-16**

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Explain that these verses are describing Jesus calling his disciples. The exciting thing about it is that Jesus calls each of them by name!

Ask – "How does it feel when someone remembers your name?"

"How do you think the disciples felt having Jesus call them by name before he had met them?"

Then explain that this is the Joy we are going to learn about and celebrate at Gretna Glen this summer – The Joy of God calling us, knowing us and inviting us to talk to him in prayer.

Have the students color and decorate the invitations. Encourage them to think about a friend they could invite to camp this summer. Challenge them to give the invitation to them this week and emphasize the importance of the students putting their friend's name on the invitation.

Close the lesson in prayer

"God, thank you for all the Joy you bring us. Thank you for calling us by name. Help us to rejoice in you and remember that we can talk to you about everything in prayer."