

DANGEROUS CAMPING



Saturday Evening Bonfire

SESSION OUTLINE



IN ADVANCE

- Ask someone to bring a guitar and lead the singing.
- Ask someone to do the reading.
- Print handouts containing song lyrics and the Bible reading.
- Brief a couple of people about saying prayers of thanks, so that they are ready to pray first to get the ball rolling.



SESSION RUNNING ORDER



1. Simple sing-along songs.

Include well-known secular and Christian songs. The purpose is to get everyone boisterous and engaged. End with an appropriate Christian song/hymn.



2. Bible reading – Luke 24:36–45

³⁶While the two followers were telling this, Jesus himself stood among those gathered. He said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were fearful and terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸But Jesus said, "Why are you troubled? Why do you doubt what you see?" ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me. You can see that I have a living body; a ghost does not have a body like this."

⁴⁰After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹The followers were amazed and very happy. They still could not believe it. Jesus said to them, "Do you have any food here?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of cooked fish. ⁴³While the followers watched, Jesus took the fish and ate it.

⁴⁴He said to them, "Remember when I was with you before? I said that everything written about me must happen—everything in the law of Moses, the books of the prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

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3. Talk

Consider learning this in advance. You really have to fight for everyone's attention. In a large group, it's less "speaking" and more "friendly shouting"!



4. Prayers of thanksgiving

Explain that we have a lot to thank God for. Ask everyone to think of one thing they want to thank God for. Ask the children to raise a hand when they've thought of something. Clarify that not everyone has to pray out loud, but that it is really encouraging to hear others thanking God. Then off they go! The aim is loads of short prayers of thanks, for anything and everything. Give a round of applause afterwards!



5. Finish with marshmallows and hot chocolate.