

Welcomed to the Table

Camp Johnsonburg Summer Curriculum

2006

Going Deeper with One Faith Practice

Welcome---Hospitality---Embracing

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This curriculum was written to help you share this summer's faith practice---**WELCOME**---with all the children who come here. It was created with the whole Johnsonburg community in mind---staff as well as campers. It is a tool to introduce this concept to a diverse group of people who will ponder this practice from many different perspectives. It invites and makes space for different views and unanswered questions. It is not intended to induce guilt in either campers or staff, but rather to create an awareness that will then blossom in each person as he or she is led.

We challenge you to immerse yourself in the curriculum. Let it become a part of you. Reflect on it. Make it your own. Adapt it for your unit each week. Evaluate it. Add to it. Don't feel you have to use everything in it for each Table Grace. We invite your comments and your questions on this curriculum at any time.

God calls us to this work, and Jesus is the ultimate teacher of this practice. We hope you enjoy using this curriculum and learning from it. Give yourself the freedom to flow, not only with the material, but also with the movement of the Spirit at work among your campers.

Blessings to all of you,
Amy and Lorelei
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In our very diverse “neighborhood” of New Jersey, we are all being challenged each day to extend hospitality to one another --- to move beyond the barriers that separate us, to live side by side, and to truly get to know each other. In previous summers we have learned about the radical hospitality that Jesus offered as he welcomed **everyone** to God’s table. We see this as an invitation to all of us this summer. Our prayer is that God will use the unique experiences of Johnsonburg --- a place of acceptance and safety --- to plant seeds that will grow and be harvested not only here at camp, but also in our own neighborhoods when we return home. We look forward to learning more about each other, and celebrating not only what we have in common, but also the differences that make us the beautiful tapestry of God’s children.

Throughout the week, adults and young people from our communities will visit camp for a day (or part of a day) to share some aspect of their culture---food, dance, song, personal story, or activity. Our morning chapel talks---held each day after breakfast in the dining hall---will be personal stories that share what it feels like to be welcomed. Following chapel talk, each unit of campers will have Table Grace, a Bible study time to read scripture, explore questions and participate in activities that relate to welcoming others. TWG (time with God) will allow for personal reflection each day, and age group Vesper services in the evening will invite campers to express what they’ve learned during worship opportunities that focus on music of many cultures. In addition, we look forward to:

- creating a 2006 camp quilt that will include unique squares made by every camper and staff member here this summer

- using a variety of musical instruments to enhance our worship and help us embrace multicultural music

- sharing our journey from welcome to embracing by keeping unit journals to pass on to greet those who will arrive later in the summer

- eating foods from a variety of ethnic backgrounds both in the dining hall as well as prepared and shared as part of Bible study. Units will also enjoy meals and stories around their own picnic tables as they gather with other small groups to extend hospitality to one another.

Just as God called Abraham and Sarah to move out beyond what was familiar to them and travel to a new land, so God is calling us to reach past what we know to discover what new thing we’re being invited to do. As we move toward our overall goal of peacemaking, we seek to tear down the walls that divide us and instead build bridges between us, embracing one another as members of God’s family. We invite your prayers for all those who will take part in this journey.

For the fifth summer, the book *Way to Live* has inspired our curriculum of practical Christian faith development. Visit their website (www.waytolive.org/) for excellent resources for teens and others. A Leader’s Guide to these materials may be downloaded for free at http://www.waytolive.org/waytolive_leaders_guide.pdf

Sunday --- Welcome

Jesus always welcomed those who were excluded by the rest of the community and through his example of love showed us how to reach out to those who are often left out.

Hints for staff: Our focus today is on Jesus' example of welcoming others. As your campers arrive today, think about different ways you can welcome them. Reflect on how they might be feeling as they come to the unit. Model the welcome you would like to see in them during their time at camp. In today's scripture, Jesus breaks with all the usual practices of the day by initiating welcome with a woman---a looked-down-upon Samaritan woman---and sharing with her the news that he is the Messiah.

Scripture: John 4:5-30 (Paraphrase) On his way from Judea back to Galilee, Jesus came to rest at Jacob's well in Samaria. A Samaritan woman came to the well, and Jesus asked her for a drink. The woman was surprised that Jesus spoke to her (Jews in those days did not get along with Samaritans). Jesus told the woman if she knew who he was, she'd ask him for a drink, and he'd give her living water. How was that possible? He didn't even have a bucket. Jesus told her if she drank of the living water, she would never be thirsty again. When she asked for some, Jesus told her to go get her husband. She answered that she didn't have one, and Jesus agreed. He knew she'd had five husbands and was now living with a man who wasn't her husband. The Samaritan woman was amazed that Jesus knew all this about her---he must be a prophet! Jesus told her that it didn't matter who someone was or where they worshipped, it was more about the way she lived her life and that she was honest with God. The woman said when the Messiah came they'd know more. Jesus said, "I am he." When his disciples came back they were shocked that he was talking to her. Although they didn't say anything, the woman knew what they were thinking. She returned to the village and told the people, "Come and see a man who knows everything about me. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves.

Scripture: John 13:34-35 (Good News) And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.

Activities:

1. Name Tags

When campers arrive in unit, have them each make a name tag to wear during the week to help other people learn their names so they can welcome them.

2. Tell Us About Your Name

Have each camper and staff person tell the group his or her name and something about it (what it means, where it came from, any nicknames, what they'd like to be called, etc.)

3. Getting to Know You

Take the list of "Getting to Know You" statements from the Sunday box. Put everyone in the unit in pairs facing each other. Partners will greet each other and exchange names. One counselor will read a statement that needs to be finished. (My favorite holiday is..) First one and then the other member of the pair will answer the question and talk briefly about it. When both have had a chance to speak and listen, they will say good bye and then each person will move on to form a new pair for the second question and so on. Repeat the whole process each time until all members of the unit have had an opportunity to greet and learn something about each other. (Adapted from *Make A World of Difference: Creative Activities for Global Learning*, Office on Global Education, Church World Service, New York: Friendship Press, 1989, pp.34-35)

Questions:

1. Who greets you during the day?
2. How do you like to be greeted? How do you greet someone else? How do you welcome them? Is there a difference?
3. What don't you like when someone greets you? What makes you feel uncomfortable?
4. What people are you most comfortable greeting? Or most comfortable having greet you?
5. What people are you least comfortable greeting? Or least comfortable having greet you?
6. What kind of first impressions do you look for when you're welcoming someone? Or when they are welcoming you?
7. How do first impressions help or keep us from getting to know someone new?
8. How did you feel as you waited on line during registration today? What was it like to come into your unit?
9. Who has welcomed you since you've been at camp today?
10. Who have you welcomed? Was it easy or hard to do this?
11. Are you more comfortable in groups of people you know or in groups of people you have not yet met?
12. Who did Jesus welcome and spend time with?
13. How did Jesus' invitation to the Samaritan woman impact her life?
14. Who does Jesus invite us to welcome?
15. As you begin this week of camp, what are some simple ways you can welcome someone?
16. Discuss other ways your unit can become more welcoming this week.

Songs:

---“I’m Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table” (African-American Spiritual)
 ---“Tu Eres Mi Gran Amor” (*New Song: Leader’s Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, p. 320)

Story: “Escalator Angel” (By Richard Stanford, from *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul*, Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Aubery and Nancy Mitchell, Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc., 1997, p. 296)

Books:

--- *Different Just Like Me* (Lori Mitchell, Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing, 1999)
 --- *Welcome is a Wonderful Word* (Gyo Fujikawa, New York: Grosset and Dunlap Publishers, 1980)
 --- *Wilson Sat Alone* (Debra Hess, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1994)

Thought: *Preach the gospel at all times---if necessary use words.* St. Francis of Assisi

Reflection: Who did Jesus welcome? What is his invitation to us?

Prayer: O God, you have created such a variety of people and cultures. Forgive us when we want everyone to be like us. Help us to open up to enjoy your diversity. In Jesus’ name. Amen. (*2006 Children’s Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 65)

Invitation: (activity to do at home) For one day, pay attention to how you and your family welcome people you meet.

Monday --- Welcome

Often we hesitate to welcome those who are different from us because the unknown makes us feel uncomfortable. It is easier to spend time with friends or family we know. God challenges us to take a risk in getting to know new people outside our usual group.

Hints for staff: Today is about acknowledging the differences between people, listening to God and to each other. Sometimes the differences between us are simple and yet sometimes they cause us pain. Everyone has equal value in God’s eyes and has the same basic needs: food, rest, shelter, and love. Listening well to God and to one another can help us to build a comfort level with welcoming others. In today’s scripture God brings together two very different people, but because of their faith and their willingness to listen, they both benefit from the encounter.

Scripture: Acts 10 (Paraphrase) Sometimes choices are hard to make, but if we seek God’s help, the answers may become clearer to us. Peter and

Cornelius were two men who had to make tough choices. Peter was a Jew who believed in Jesus. Cornelius was a Gentile---he believed in God but did not accept the Jewish religion. Both men had a strong faith and actively sought the voice of God. Peter did not socialize with Gentiles because they didn't follow the laws of the Jewish scriptures---including those that told what you could and couldn't eat. One day when Cornelius was praying, an angel came to him and told Cornelius that God was pleased with him and wanted to answer his prayers. He was to send three men to the town of Joppa where they'd find a Jew named Peter. Cornelius listened to God and sent his men to Peter as he'd been instructed to do. The next day, at the same time that the three men neared Joppa, Peter was praying. God sent Peter a vision telling him that the "food laws" were no longer important---all food was good to eat. At first, Peter resisted, but then took the message seriously. As he was thinking about what this vision might mean, the three men arrived at his door. The Holy Spirit told Peter to listen to what the men had to say and then follow them back to Caesarea. Peter had a choice. He could send away the Gentiles, who he'd always believed were unacceptable or he could listen to God and welcome these men that God had sent. He invited the Gentiles into his home, and the next day followed them to Cornelius' house in Caesarea. Peter told Cornelius that God had shown him that God values everyone---Jews and Gentiles--- the same way. Peter shared the good news of Jesus with Cornelius and his household. They believed what Peter told them and were baptized.

Scripture: Romans 12:2 (Good News) Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God---what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

Activities:

1. Getting to Know You (slightly different than yesterday's activity)

Sit with someone else at each meal today. Learn two new facts about each person. Share with the unit tonight.

2. Welcome Table

Offer to host the "welcome table" at your age group campfire tonight. Pick up the snack for your age group and offer it to campers and staff.

3. Lunch Table Game

Give each person a piece of paper with a made-up name, identity, hero and favorite TV show. Invite them to picture themselves in a new school on the first day of school at lunchtime. Have them walk around and form themselves into "lunch tables" of three people each (or more if your unit is larger). How did the groups form? Were they formed as you would expect or were there any surprises? Was anyone left out? How did you feel as you did this? How is this experience like real life? (Adapted from *Way to Live Leader's Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 88)

4. Map Your Comfort Zone

Give each person a piece of paper and something to write with. Ask everyone to draw a circle in the center of the paper. Inside the circle draw or

write “the place you feel most comfortable.” Around the first circle draw three more concentric circles (total of four). In the second circle draw or write a few places you feel “at ease.” In the third circle draw or write places that make you feel “uncomfortable.” In the fourth circle draw or write places that are “out of your comfort zone.” Talk about your circles together. Notice similarities and differences between choices. Discuss what might help you feel more at ease in moving out into the third and fourth circles. (Adapted from *Way to Live Leader’s Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 90)

5. Peter and Cornelius

Read today’s scripture and act out the story of Peter and Cornelius.

6. Diversity Beans

Pass around a bag of “Diversity Beans” and ask each camper to choose three jellybeans and then wait until everyone has their candy. Invite campers to taste one jellybean at a time. Discuss what they have discovered as they tasted each piece. Ask how they chose their candy. Reflect on the group’s responses to this activity. (“Diversity Beans,” produced by Sweet Understandings, LLC, PO Box 278, Portales, NM, 88130, may be ordered by calling 1-866-75-JELLY or ordered online at www.diversitybeans.com)

Questions:

1. What keeps us from getting to know other people?
2. Why is it difficult to welcome someone you don’t know?
3. Do you ever find it difficult to welcome your family and friends?
4. Do you think we should welcome strangers?
5. What would make it comfortable to do so?
6. Would you invite a stranger to your home?
7. How do we treat those who are different from us?
8. Is respect and dignity something that we offer to everyone?
9. How were Peter and Cornelius different from each other?
10. What did they have in common?
11. How do we see those who are different from us?
12. Have you ever seen Jesus in the face of a stranger? Does it make a difference in how you might treat that person?
13. How does listening make a difference when we’re getting to know someone?
14. Do you think listening to God makes a difference when we meet someone new?

Songs:

---Korean grace

Na mal da u ree a gei

Young shi jo joo shi ni

Eun hay ro u shi ha na nim

Cham kam sa ham ni da.

(Thank you, God, for our daily bread. Grace to you, our Lord. We thank you very much.)

---“Uyai Mose” (Tune and Words by Alexander Gondo, From *Come All You People* by John L. Bell and the Iona Community Wild Goose Worship Group, Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, Inc., 1994, pp. 14-15)

Stories:

---“Guests Who Become Hosts” (From *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, pp. 212-213)
 ---“Why Frog and Snake Never Play Together” (From *The Book of Virtues*, Edited by William J. Bennett, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1993, pp. 284-285)

Books:

---*Bread, Bread, Bread* (Ann Morris, New York: Scholastic Books, Inc., 1989)
 ---*Everybody Bakes Bread* (Norah Dooley, Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 1996)
 ---*Everybody Brings Noodles* (Norah Dooley, Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 2002)
 ---*Everybody Cooks Rice* (Norah Dooley, New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1991)
 ---*Everybody Serves Soup* (Norah Dooley, Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 2000)
 ---*Mi Familia* (George Ancona, New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2004)
 ---*The Colors of Us* (Karen Katz, New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1999)
 ---*Skin Again* (Bell Hooks, New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2004)

Thought: *If we want to have all our bases covered before we act, nothing exciting will happen. But if we dare to take a few crazy risks, because God asks us to do so, many doors, which we didn't even know existed, will be open to us.* Henri Nouwen

Reflection: How does listening to God help us to welcome strangers?

Prayer: God of all people, you have told us what to do with others---love them as you love us. Forgive us when we think you love us more than other people. Help us to see each person as an individual. Help us to love each person as you love him or her. In Jesus' name. Amen. (*2006 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 37)

Invitation: (activity to do at home) Invite someone of another faith community to your home or church to learn more about their beliefs. Visit other places of worship.

Tuesday --- Hospitality

Fear can keep us from extending hospitality to others, but Jesus said that God's perfect love casts out fear and opens the door so that we can show love to all God's children.

Hints for staff: Often our fears interfere with our ability to reach out and welcome a new person. We may be frightened of what God is asking us to do. Have you experienced concern in reaching out to your campers or have you seen any of them struggling in their efforts to welcome each other? Sometimes being aware of our fears can help us to move beyond them. In today's story Ananias trusted God, and so he was able to overcome his fear and share Christian hospitality with Saul. His decision to listen to God helped him to enter into a relationship with someone he had once been afraid of and impacted Christianity in the process.

Scripture: Acts 9:10-19 (Good News)

There was a Christian in Damascus named Ananias. He had a vision, in which the Lord said to him, "Ananias!" "Here I am, Lord," he answered. The Lord said to him, "Get ready and go to Straight Street, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying, and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and place his hands on him so that he might see again." Ananias answered, "Lord, many people have told me about his man and about all the terrible things he has done to your people in Jerusalem. And he has come to Damascus with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who worship you." The Lord said to him, "Go, because I have chosen him to serve me, to make my name known to Gentiles and kings and to the people of Israel. And I myself will show him all that he must suffer for my sake." So Ananias went, entered the house where Saul was, and placed his hands on him. "Brother Saul," he said, "the Lord has sent me---Jesus himself, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." At once something like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again. He stood up and was baptized; and after he had eaten, his strength came back.

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17-18, 19b (Good News) When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends.

Activities:

1. "If You Give a Moose a Muffin"

Read the book together and talk about any experiences campers have had with situations where showing hospitality became more than they could handle. (Adapted from *Way to Live Leader's Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 88)

2. Inviting Jesus

Invite Jesus to come visit your unit to talk about why it's hard to get beyond our fears and show hospitality to others. Jesus is the expert on extending hospitality so ask him his advice on those situations you've struggled with in the past.

Questions:

1. Think about situations where you have experienced difficulty in welcoming someone. What were some of your fears? Or what were some of the risks that you would have had to take?
2. What might make it easier to get past some of those fears?
3. What does God ask us to do when we encounter a stranger?
4. What were Christ's expectations for Ananias?
5. How do you think Ananias felt as he approached his encounter with Saul? What might he have been thinking? How do you think he felt afterwards? How do you think Saul felt?
6. Why was hospitality important to the early church community?
7. How have things changed since then? Is hospitality extended more through the church or in individual homes?
8. What makes it feel safe and comfortable to provide hospitality?
9. Why do we have to overcome our anxieties in order to offer hospitality?
10. Who can help you overcome your fears?
11. Have you ever made fun of someone you feared or spread gossip about them? What was the end result of the experience?

Songs:

- "Halle Halle Hallelujah" (*New Song: Leader's Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, p. 109)
- "They'll Know We Are Christians" (Words and Music by Rev. Peter Scholtes, F. E. L. Publications, 1967, *New Song: Leader's Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, p. 311)

Story: "Erik's Old Man" (By Nancy Dahlberg, from *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul*, Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Aubery and Nancy Mitchell, Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc., 1997, p. 307)

Books:

- Abuelito Eats With His Fingers* (Janice Levy, Austin, TX: Eakin Press, 1999)
- If You Give a Moose a Muffin* (Laura Joffe Numeroff, Harper Collins Publishers, 1991)
- Mr. Peabody's Apples* (Madonna, New York: Callaway, 2003)

Thought: *If you judge people, you have no time to love them.* Mother Teresa

Reflection: What do I fear about offering hospitality to others?

Prayer: Gracious God, we know that we do not have to earn your love. As your love is freely given to us, may we give love freely to others. In Jesus' name. Amen. (*2006 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 21)

Invitation: (activities to do at home)

---Invite your family to join you in praying for strangers you encounter each day. (Christine D. Pohl and Pamela J. Buck, *Study Guide for Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001, p. 45)

---Visit a shut-in from your church or in your neighborhood or visit someone in a nursing home to extend hospitality.

Wednesday --- HOSPITALITY

Because we have experienced God's love and hospitality, in a spirit of gratitude we can extend that same hospitality to others to support them and help meet their needs---even when other people turn away.

Hints for staff: You may want to read the Leviticus scripture first today. It explains the law that required all members of the Jewish community to extend hospitality to strangers. God wants them (and us) to remember how there are times when we have all been strangers. Just as God loves us and provides for our needs, we are expected to recognize the worth of others and offer help when it's needed.

Scripture: Luke 10:29-37 (Good News) A teacher of the Law asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Take care of him,' he told the innkeeper, 'and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.'" And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."

Scripture: Leviticus 19:33-34 (Good News) Do not mistreat foreigners who are living in your land. Treat them as you would a fellow Israelite, and love them as you love yourselves. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Additional Scripture: I John 4:19-21 (Good News)

We love because God first loved us. If someone says he loves God, but hates his brother, he is a liar. For he cannot love God, whom he has not seen, if he does not love his brother, whom he has seen. The command that Christ has given us is this: whoever loves God must love his brother also.

Additional Scripture: Matthew 25:34-36, 40b (Good News)

Then the king will say to the people on his right, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me. I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!"

Activities:

1. Exclusion vs. Hospitality Role Play

Use the two sets of cards found in the Wednesday box. One set will have a different situation description on each card. The other set will have either "exclude" or "show hospitality" on each card. Place the cards in two stacks. Have one person take a card from each stack. After reading the situation card to the group, he or she should act it out with an attitude of exclusion or hospitality. Discuss what communicates hospitality and what demonstrates exclusion. Share the feelings that arise from the group after each situation. (Christine D. Pohl and Pamela J. Buck, *Study Guide for Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001, p. 42)

2. The Good Samaritan

Read the scripture and act out the parable of the Good Samaritan having each character explain their actions in the story OR do the Good Samaritan echo-pantomime in the Wednesday box OR have one person act as the news commentator and interview characters at the scene of the story.

3. Words of Hope

Using the word puzzle in the Wednesday box, try to match the English and Spanish words that mean the same thing. (*2006 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 84)

4. "The Hug Poem"

Read "The Hug Poem" by Bradley Hathaway and imagine what it would feel like to get a hug from Jesus.

Questions:

1. Have you ever been treated as if you didn't exist? What did it feel like?
2. What would it feel like to be treated that way all the time?
3. Is there anyone that you know who is treated like that routinely?
4. Compare that to a time when someone showed you very generous hospitality. What was the difference between the two?
5. If this parable happened during our time, who might the injured person be?

6. Are there Good Samaritans today? Can you think of someone who fits this description?
7. What do you think is involved in showing Christian hospitality?
Does it go beyond writing a check?
8. Do you think hospitality is more than meeting people's physical needs?
9. Did you ever not take action because you thought that someone else would?
10. Who is responsible for showing hospitality?
11. Do you think you could be a Good Samaritan? Why or why not?
12. Do you think that it is ever okay to deny someone hospitality?
13. Where do we encounter strangers?
14. Why do you think it's important to remember our experience as strangers?
15. Have you ever needed help from a stranger? How did you feel about asking for help?
16. Do you ever feel like you are seeking something in return when you show hospitality? Where might this happen today?
17. Who are our neighbors?

Songs:

- “Santo, Santo, Santo” (*New Song: Leader's Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, p. 265)
- “Dona Nobis Pacem” (Source unknown, *Come Join the Circle*, Ed Parrish III, Committee on Outdoor Ministry, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Brethren Press, 1989, p. 28)

Stories:

- “Billings, Montana” (*2006 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 36)
- “You Can Make a Difference” (From *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, pp. 215-216)

Books:

- *The Brand New Kid* (Katie Couric, New York: Doubleday, 2000)
- *Bread is for Eating* (David and Phillis Gershator, New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1995)
- *The Land of Many Colors* (Klamath County YMCA Family Preschool, Klamath Falls, Oregon, New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1993.)
- *The Night of Las Posadas* (Tomie DePaola, New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1999)
- *Uncle Rain Cloud* (Tony Johnston, Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing, 2001)

Thought: *I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.* Edward Everett Hale

Reflection: Why do we need to extend hospitality when others don't seem to care?

Prayer: Amazing God, you have given us minds to create airplanes, telephones, e-mails, and television, all of which make the whole world available to us. We realize that everyone really is our neighbor. Help us to treat all people everywhere, even total strangers, with the love we give our next-door neighbor. In Jesus' name. Amen. (*2006 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 27)

Invitation: (activities to do at home)

---Share what you know about Las Posadas with your church family and invite a local Hispanic ministry to teach you how to celebrate this tradition. (Christine D. Pohl and Pamela J. Buck, *Study Guide for Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001, p. 44)

---Ask around your neighborhood to see if there are any refugee ministries that take volunteers. (Christine D. Pohl and Pamela J. Buck, *Study Guide for Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001, p. 45)

Thursday --- EMBRACING

Often when we embrace others we find an unexpected gift in the encounter. Showing love and respect for someone as the host in a situation sometimes gives us the opportunity to be the guest at the same time, receiving a special joy that surprises us.

Hints for staff: Today you have an opportunity to offer hospitality and move further along the road to embracing. Share a meal (possibly ethnic food) with another unit. Let each group serve the other one, or mix the two groups and let them choose tasks for the meal preparation. Treat your guests with love, respect and dignity. Allow all campers to be in a position of receiving as well as giving. Pay attention to any surprise gifts that surface during the shared meal together.

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-14 (Good News)

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the sacred trees of Mamre. As Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day, he looked up and saw three men standing there. As soon as he saw them, he ran out to meet them. Bowing down with his face touching the ground, he said, "Sirs, please do not pass by my home without stopping; I am here to serve you. Let me bring some water for you to wash your feet; you can rest here beneath this tree. I will also bring a bit of food; it will give you strength to continue your journey. You have honored me by coming to my home, so let me serve you." They replied, "Thank you; we accept." Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, "Quick, take a sack of your best flour, and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and picked out a calf that was tender and fat, and gave it to a servant, who hurried to get it ready. He took

some cream, some milk, and the meat, and set the food before the men. There under the tree he served them himself, and they ate. Then they asked him, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" "She is there in the tent," he answered. One of them said, "Nine months from now I will come back, and your wife Sarah will have a son."

Scripture: Hebrews 13:2 (NRSV)

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Activities:

1. Welcome Mat

Listen to the theme song from "Cheers." What does it feel like to be in a place where everybody knows your name? Do you have a place in your life where the welcome mat is always out for you? What makes you feel welcomed in that special place? (Adapted from *Way to Live Leader's Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 89)

2. What Angel?

Read today's scripture from Genesis. List the ways that Abraham and Sarah embraced their guests by showing hospitality. What difference did the strangers make in their lives? Read the Hebrews passage. Have you ever had the experience of entertaining angels without realizing it? What difference did it make in your life? Who has been an angel to you? (Adapted from *Way to Live Leader's Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 89)

3. Family Memories

Have each person think of a memory of a family holiday, celebration or time together. Share the story and think about whether a stranger was ever invited to be a part of that time. Did anything unexpected happen?

4. Shared meal

Invite another unit to share a meal with your unit. It could be a pack-out or a cook-out. Work together to prepare the meal. Pick a grace and then eat and share conversation with one another. Talk about how sharing a meal builds community. Did you share yourself as well as the food? What recipe did you follow for embracing your guests?

5. Sarah and Abraham's guests

Have your unit act out today's scripture passage.

Questions:

1. Describe a recent experience of being a guest. Did you have to pay for the hospitality that was extended to you?
2. Compare that to the embracing hospitality that Abraham and Sarah showed their guests.
3. Do you offer hospitality to others in your home? How is it the same or different from what you just heard in the scripture?
4. Who provided the hospitality to the three visitors in the story? Who provides the hospitality in your home? Can anyone provide hospitality?
5. Who do you know that offers very gracious hospitality?

6. What can you learn from them?
7. Do you feel called to offer hospitality? To whom?
8. Have you ever received a gift in the process of extending hospitality to someone?
9. Have you ever felt closer to God when welcoming someone?
10. What is the difference between Christian hospitality and entertaining?
11. What would it be like not to have a place to live in (due to a recent move, divorce, or loss of your home)?
12. How do we show respect when providing hospitality or giving assistance to someone?
13. Describe a time when you were a stranger. How did it feel? How were you treated?
14. How are shared meals a way to value all people in the same way?
15. Given the chance, would you rather serve a stranger or sit down and share the meal with him? How do we make a move from needing to offer service to offering ourselves?
16. Do you have a relationship with someone who is different from you for which you're grateful?

Songs:

- “Family of God” (Words and Music by Beth A. Watson, 1993, *New Song: Leader’s Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, pp. 75-76)
- “Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona” (*New Song: Leader’s Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, pp. 107-109)

Stories:

- “The Araucanian Woman” (from *The Book of Readings*, North Carolina Outward Bound School, Asheville, NC, p. 15)
- “The Cobbler and his Guest” (Author unknown, from *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul*, Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Aubery and Nancy Mitchell, Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc., 1997, pp. 94-96)

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- Dumpling Soup* (Jama Kim Rattigan, New York: Little, Brown and Co., 1993)
- Halmoni and the Picnic* (Sook Nyul Choi, Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1993)
- Jalapeno Bagels* (Natasha Wing, New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1996)
- Love to Langston* (Tony Medina, New York: Lee and Low Books, Inc., 2002)
- Tio Armando* (Florence Parry Heide and Roxanne Heide Pierce, New York: Lothrop, Lee and Shepherd, 1998)
- The Tortilla Factory* (Gary Paulsen, New York: Voyager Books, 1995)

Thought:

*We saw a stranger yesterday.
We put food in the eating place,*

*Drink in the drinking place,
 Music in the listening place,
 And with the sacred name of the triune God
 He blessed us and our house,
 Our cattle and our dear ones,
 As the lark says in her song;
 Often, often, often goes the Christ
 In the stranger's guise.
 (Celtic Rune of Hospitality)*

*To offer hospitality to a stranger is to welcome something new, unfamiliar, and unknown into our life-world..Strangers have stories to tell which we have never heard before, stories which can redirect our seeing and stimulate our imaginations. The stories invite us to view the world from a novel perspective. Thomas Ogletree, *Hospitality to a Stranger**

Reflection: What surprise have I experienced when I reached out to welcome someone?

Prayer: God of all nations and all languages, thank you that you hear us in whatever language we may speak. Help us to listen carefully to people who speak other languages so that we may truly understand what they are saying. Remind us to explain our own language when others do not understand us. Amen. (*2006 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 95)

Invitation: (activity to do at home) Host a pot-luck dinner at your home or church and invite neighbors from your community to bring an ethnic dish. Share food and fellowship around the table. (Christine D. Pohl and Pamela J. Buck, *Study Guide for Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*, Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001, p. 45-46)

Friday --- EMBRACING

Jesus knows that we love our family and friends, but he asks us to step out and invite all of God's children to come celebrate around the table. For it is only when all are welcomed that we can truly experience the joy of God's feast.

Hints for staff: As you come to the end of your week, today is truly a day of celebration. Throughout this week campers and staff alike have moved along on a journey of awareness from welcoming each other to embracing. It is a time to celebrate the diversity of God's table where all are welcomed and embraced by God. Today is about shalom or wholeness. It is about standing

together in solidarity and making sure that everyone receives an invitation to this banquet. Celebrate together or with another group. Use food, music, stories, and worship to share the joy of the day.

Scripture: Luke 14:12-24 (NRSV)

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and the lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-29 (Good News)

It is through faith that all of you are God’s sons and daughters in union with Christ Jesus. You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself. So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free men, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are the descendents of Abraham and will receive what God has promised.

Scripture: Luke 13:29 (Good News)

People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down at the feast in the Kingdom of God.

Activities:

1. Pray together

Read the Lord’s Prayer or the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi in different languages and then pray them as a group.

2. The Great Banquet

Read today’s scripture and act it out as a unit. As an alternate idea, use the script for the Reader’s Theater in the Friday box. (From *Coming Home to the Table*:

An Intergenerational Peacemaking Resource by Jody C. LeFort, Published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, p. 22)

3. Walls and Bridges

Using a set of dominoes, have your unit build a wall. As each piece is added to the wall, that person chooses a word or phrase that he or she feels helps to create walls between people. Once the wall is completed, discuss what you would have to do to symbolically take the wall down. Have the group remove the dominoes one at a time and use them to build a bridge, once again using a word or phrase that helps to build bridges between people. Discuss the difference between walls and bridges.

4. Welcome to My Home

Think about a home that you would like to have in the future. As you think about welcoming guests to your home, describe what it might be like.

5. Cooking with the Chaplains

Plan your morning schedule so that you can bring your unit to Lower Meadow for "Cooking with the Chaplains." Each Friday morning there will be food to taste from a different ethnic background. Our international staff members will share a short cultural exchange about his or her country while your group is eating. If you haven't made your quilt patch so far this week, this is a good time to do so.

6. Gathering Around God's Big Table

Use "Gathering Around God's Big Table" for a short worship service to close the week. Found in the Friday box. (From *Coming Home to the Table: An Intergenerational Peacemaking Resource* by Jody C. LeFort, Published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, p. 9)

Questions:

1. How is the hospitality that we receive at God's table connected to the hospitality that we offer to others?
2. When did we see Jesus act as a host? A guest?
3. What did we learn from Jesus' example?
4. How does what you've learned this week make a difference to you?
5. What do you think Jesus would share with you about embracing strangers? Who would be on Jesus' guest list? How can you help make sure everyone who's invited is able to get there?
6. Who are the outsiders in your community?
7. What barriers are in place that are keeping them out?
8. How can you invite them to the table?
9. What foods would you have on your welcome table? What music would you play and sing?

Songs:

---"Clap Your Hands" (Words and Music by Charlie Le Blanc, Integrity's Hosanna! Music, 1988, *New Song: Leader's Guide, 2nd edition*, Congregational Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council---PC(USA): Louisville, KY, 2002, pp.49-50)

---"Go Now in Peace" (Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth, Hinshaw Music, Inc., 1976, *Come Join the Circle*, Ed Parrish III, Committee on Outdoor Ministry, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, Brethren Press, 1989, p. 40)

---"We Are Marching" (From South Africa, *Sing the Faith*, Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, 2003, p. 2235 b)

---“We Are One in the Bond of Love” (By Otis Skillings, Lillenas Publishing Co., 1971, *Tune Book*, p. 141A)

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--- *In God’s Name* (Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1994)

--- *Whoever You Are* (Mem Fox, New York: Voyager Books, 1997)

Thought: *You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied. Let us sit side by side sharing the same bread drawn from the same source to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak. Then standing together let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts that once again draw us together in friendship and unity and peace.* Prieres d’Ozawamick, Native American

Reflection: How can I embrace others?

Prayer: Find a quiet place to sit. Think about the different people you have learned about in our community this week. Think about how God made people different, just as God made different kinds of animals, plants, and landscapes. Imagine how God must love variety to have made so much diversity in the world. Thank God for making us all and for cherishing every last one of us. (*2006 Children’s Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study: From Age to Age*, Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, 2006, p. 53)

Invitation: (activity to do at home) As you watch or listen to the news pray for those who still are not welcomed. Who are those “neighbors” that might need to be embraced right now?

Additional material for “Welcomed to the Table”

Additional activities for the second week of two week-units---

1. Watch the scenes from *The Sound of Music* that show Maria arriving at the von Trapp home and meeting the father, the children, and the other household members. Discuss examples of greeting and welcoming and compare them to the radical welcoming of Jesus.

2. For older campers, read the poem, “Mending Wall” by Robert Frost and discuss.

3. Watch “The Lunch Date” by Adam Davidson, and, using the study guide, discuss with campers. (From *Way to Live Leader’s Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 93)

4. Have campers make timelines of their lives that show significant experiences of welcoming and excluding---of themselves and others. Talk about how those experiences negatively or positively influenced their own decisions to welcome or exclude others.

5. Listen to the song “Be Our Guest” from the musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, (From *Way to Live Leader’s Guide*, Dorothy C. Bass and Don C. Richter, Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2002, p. 93) and contrast its message with that of the song, “The Mob Song” from the same sound track.

6. For senior highs, read “The Welcome Table”(By Alice Walker, from *Listening For God*, Paula J. Carlson and Peter S. Hawkins, Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress, 1994, pp. 107-114) and choose several study guide questions to discuss.

7. Read *The Brand New Kid* by Katie Couric. Discuss how showing hospitality can make a difference for someone new.

8. Read several recent newspaper articles. (Found in Friday’s box.) Discuss what role welcoming or not welcoming someone plays in the stories. How might we view these stories through the lens of Jesus’ practice of radical hospitality? How does what we read about situations in the global community affect the way we extend hospitality in our local community?

9. Finish your second week by listening to “Build Us a Table” and “Who is the Alien?” from the CD, “There is Room for Us All.” After each song, allow time for individual reflection and group sharing.

Additional quotes:

The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. Oliver Wendell Holmes

We couldn’t possibly know where it would lead, but we knew it had to be done. Betty Friedan

If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Frederick Douglass

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to anyone let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it; for I shall not pass this way again. Stephen Grellet

We must learn and demonstrate how to value diversity. We are all personally accountable. This may require us to both change attitudes and take action. We must create a culture that empowers and values all peoples. We have a vision of a society populated by people living to their highest potential and helping others to do the same. Melba Duncan

No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow. Alice Walker

Never for the sake of peace and quiet, deny your own experience or convictions. Dag Hammerskjold

Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow
 Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.
 Just walk beside me, and be my friend.
 Albert Camus

Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible. St. Francis of Assisi

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In genuine community there are no sides. It is not always easy but by the time they reach community the members have learned how to give up cliques and factions. They have learned how to listen to each other and how not to reject each other. Sometimes consensus in community is reached with miraculous rapidity. But at other times it is arrived at only after lengthy struggle. Just because it is a safe place does not mean community is a place without conflict. It is, however, a place where conflict can be resolved without physical or emotional bloodshed and with wisdom as well as grace. A community is a group that can fight gracefully. M. Scott Peck, MD in *The Different Drum: Community Making and Peace*

The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, "I was wrong." Sidney Harris

One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. Albert Schweitzer

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges. Author Unknown

Courage is the power to let go of the familiar. Author Unknown

Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges of peace and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord. Carey Landry

A hurting world is around us, and we hide behind our freshly decorated walls, and pretend it does not exist, or that we do not know what it is to hurt. We are challenged to come out and be without walls. Celtic Daily Prayer

Peace is when you don't have walls between you. Author Unknown

We must be the change we wish to see in the world. Mohandas K Gandhi

Listening is more than just not interrupting. It is acknowledging through one's active attention that the other person is being heard. Perhaps most important is that people who are sharing their feelings be assured that they will not be criticized for having such feelings. Riane Eisler

The bond of our common humanity is stronger than the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices. God gives us the capacity for choice. We can choose to alleviate suffering. We can choose to work together for peace. We can make these changes---and we must. Jimmy Carter

When we are dreaming alone, it is only a dream. When we are dreaming with others, it is the beginning of reality. Dom Helder Camara

Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small. Mother Teresa

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. St. Francis of Assisi

Dwell within peace for peace is who you are deep within where only you and God reside. Rae Thompson

God give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Reinhold Niebuhr

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. Anne Frank

To love one another is to touch the face of God. Victor Hugo

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. Mother Teresa

All things are made by God. I was made by God. I think of myself as God's child. Therefore, I think I am as good as anybody and no better than anybody. This was my first grounding in self-love. Maya Angelou

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

I pin all my hopes on quiet processes and small circles in which vital and transforming events take place. Rufus Jones

You don't solve problems you just touch lives one at a time. You go person by person. Maura Kiely

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“There is Room for Us All: Songs of Justice, Prayers of Peace” (CD) by Lori True, Chicago: GIA Publications, Inc., 2005.

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