



# WELCOME TO CAMP FIRELIGHT!

Our Young Campers have been here all week with Ranger Rev, Lumen (our favorite lightning bug), and our Guides. They heard stories about several people who found themselves in stressful situations, and learned how God helped the people through them.

## This Week's Bible Stories



### **Genesis 28** – *Trust God to Go with Us.*

Jacob went on a very long 500-mile journey – and he had to walk the entire way! He became very tired, so he had to sleep with his head on a rock. He had a great dream about stairs that led straight to Heaven. He saw angels and he even saw God! When Jacob woke up, he wasn't tired anymore. He was excited because God gave him a great promise, but he never would have heard that promise if he didn't take time to rest.

### **Ruth 1** – *Trust God to Lead the Way.*

There was a woman named Naomi who left her home in Bethlehem because there wasn't enough food there. She, and her husband and sons, moved to a place called Moab. While they were there, her husband and sons died. The only good news then was that Bethlehem finally had enough food again, so Naomi

decided to go back home to Bethlehem. She was going to go all alone, but her son's wife, Ruth, didn't want her to go alone. Ruth promised that wherever Naomi went, she would go with her. Ruth trusted Naomi. Naomi trusted God. And they both learned to trust God to lead the way, even if they didn't always know exactly what was going on.

**Luke 2** – *Trust God to Share Wisdom.*

When Jesus was 12 years old, he and his family went to Jerusalem for a week. But when Mary and Joseph went home, Jesus wasn't there! Imagine how worried they were about their son! It took 3 days, but they finally found him in the temple back in Jerusalem teaching the teachers! The teachers were amazed at Jesus' wisdom, and even though they were worried, Mary and Joseph were amazed too.

**Mark 4** – *Trust God to Give Us Peace.*

That's what we need when we're afraid! Peace! And it comes from God. One day Jesus decided to go to the other side of the lake with the 12 disciples, a big storm rolled in. They were in a boat, being tossed all over! Their boat started taking on water. They thought they were going to sink! They were afraid for their lives. And what was Jesus doing all this time? Sleeping in the back of the boat! How could he be so peaceful when everything around him was so scary? Well, he knew he had the power to control the weather. The 12 disciples woke Jesus up. He stood up and talked to the water. He said "peace... be still." And the storm stopped.



## Acts 8 – Trust God to Spark Joy.

There was a man named Philip who was a good guy in an area where it was very dangerous to be a follower of Jesus. But Philip knew that if he taught people all about Jesus, it could bring them joy. One day he met an Ethiopian man reading a scripture about God. The man looked very confused, so Philip began teaching him about Jesus. Philip felt joy whenever he got a chance to teach about Jesus, and he loved seeing the joy that it gave to others, too. When they were done, the Ethiopian man asked to be baptized and started believing in God! And now it was his turn to share the joy of knowing Jesus with everyone he saw!



## VBS WEEK WAS AN ILLUMINATING BLESSING!

*On Monday night, one of our young Campers (a first time VBS-er) exclaimed, "This was the BEST day of my life!"*



We were happy to have ALL of our Campers with us each night. They danced, sang, experimented, snacked, crafted, played, and learned all week long! They were excited to participate and asked the BEST questions! Campers, we hope you had as much fun as we did. We can't wait to do it all again next year! (Adults of Campers, we appreciate you also! You rearranged your week to get our Campers here each night, and for that we are grateful.)

Our volunteer Guides put in so much time and effort. We started preparing months ago! Many of our volunteers worked behind the scenes doing artwork, making signs, hanging decorations, shopping, and doing all of the things that needed to be done so we could have a great week. Then there are all of the Guides that you did see: leading singing, telling Bible stories, sharing snacks, doing science experiments, making crafts, and coaching recreation.



We are very appreciative of our prayer and financial supporters. Your time and gifts supported this ministry and made it all possible.

And of course, we can't forget our special guest for the week – Lumen! She flew into the building every night to be with us. We could not have had a fun, successful week without her guidance. Thank you, Lumen! You are truly a light for God!



## AUMC Sunday Schedule

9 AM: Contemporary Worship in our Great Hall

11 AM: Traditional Worship in our Sanctuary

Sunday School begins on September 8 at 9:45 AM

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