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Greetings

Hey Awesome Pathfinders!

Welcome to the global adventure – Jesus Camps with You!

As the World Pathfinder Director, I'm thrilled to kick off this journey that unites us from every corner of the world. Get ready for a wild ride of faith, fun, and fellowship!

Our theme, "Jesus Camps with You," is all about being together on this crazy, exciting journey with our Savior. It's like a global sleepover with Jesus – we might be miles apart, but we're all in this adventure together!

Remember, **Proverbs 3:5-6** says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." So, let's trust in Jesus, embrace the journey, and watch those paths get crazy amazing!

For our cool 10-15-year-old Pathfinders, get ready to dive into discussions, games, and activities that are not only going to rock but will also deepen your connection with Jesus. We're making faith cool, guys – it's like the ultimate quest, and you're the chosen heroes!

Now, humor break! Why did the Pathfinder take a compass to church? To find their way to "righteous" fun, of course!

So, buckle up, pathfinders! This booklet is your passport to the Jesus Camps with You experience. Let's learn, laugh, and leap into the awesome unknown – because with Jesus, it's always an epic adventure!

In His Global Squad,

Andrés J. Peralta
World Pathfinder Director

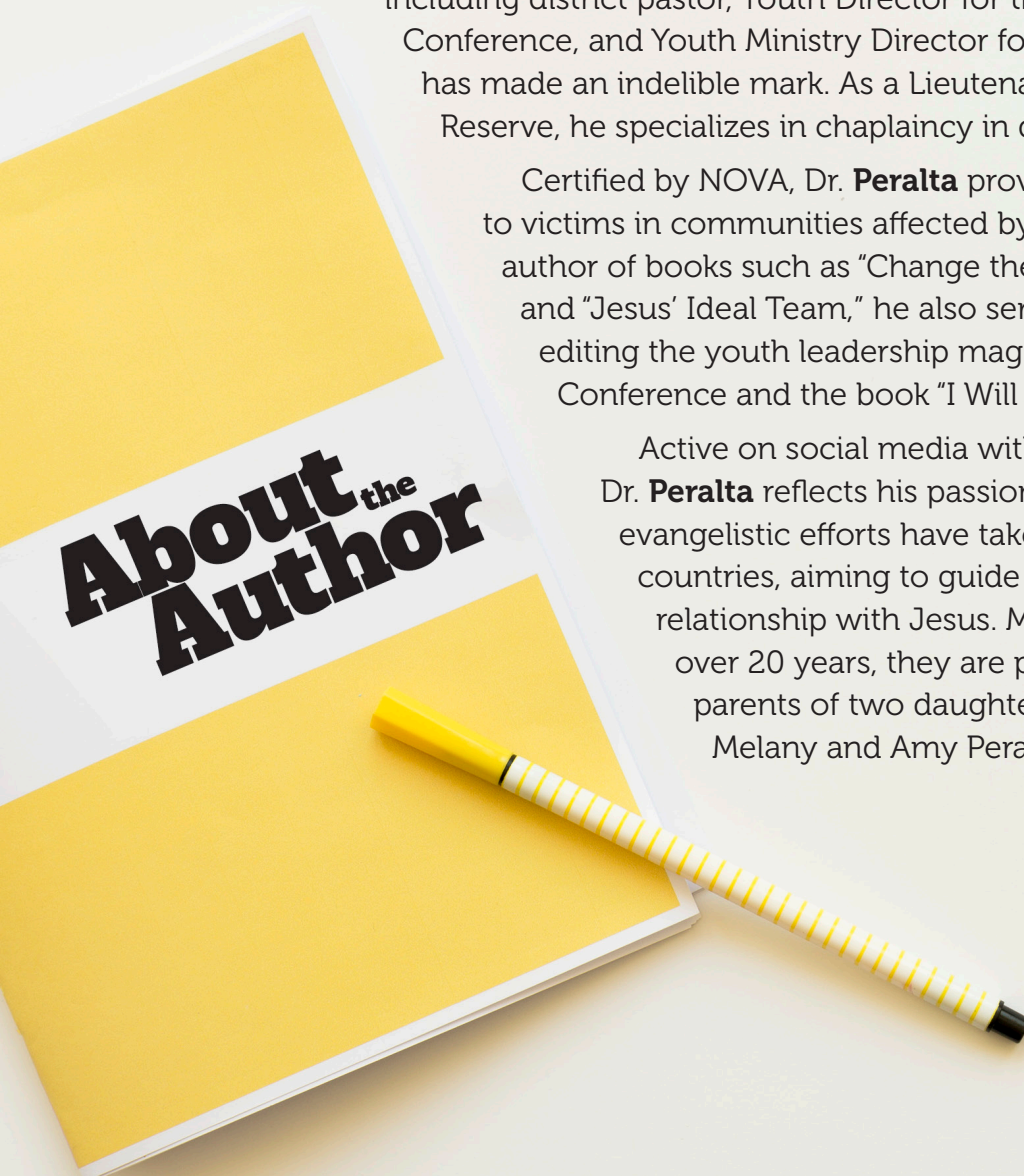


Dr. **Andrés J. Peralta**, born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, brings over 19 years of experience in pastoral ministry to his role as World Director of Adventurers for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With a Bachelor's degree in Pastoral Theology from Antillean University in Puerto Rico, he continued his academic journey, earning a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate in Youth Leadership from Andrews University.

Throughout his various roles in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including district pastor, Youth Director for the Greater New York Conference, and Youth Ministry Director for the Atlantic Union, Dr. **Peralta** has made an indelible mark. As a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, he specializes in chaplaincy in diverse settings.

Certified by NOVA, Dr. **Peralta** provides psychological assistance to victims in communities affected by natural disasters. As the author of books such as "Change the World," "The Loving Father," and "Jesus' Ideal Team," he also serves as an editorial contributor, editing the youth leadership magazine of the General Conference and the book "I Will Go."

Active on social media with over 115,000 followers, Dr. **Peralta** reflects his passion for youth ministry. His evangelistic efforts have taken him to preach in over 120 countries, aiming to guide young people into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Married to Martha Peralta for over 20 years, they are proud parents of two daughters: Melany and Amy Peralta.



PATHFINDER DAY CELEBRATION GUIDELINES

Pathfinder Day is an opportunity for a comprehensive day of celebration, encompassing spiritual, outreach, and social activities. The following recommendations are tailored to ensure a meaningful and elegant observance:

1. Spiritual Elevation (Morning Worship):

Commence the day with a spiritually uplifting Morning Worship led by Pathfinders. Embrace the divine hour with reverence and purpose, setting the tone for a day filled with reflection and growth.

2. Empowering Outreach Initiatives (Sabbath Afternoon):

Dedicate Sabbath Afternoon to impactful outreach activities. Engage in community service projects that embody the Pathfinder spirit of service and compassion. Demonstrate our commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

3. Harmonious Social Gatherings (After the Sabbath):

After the Sabbath, transition into harmonious social activities. Create an atmosphere of camaraderie and joy, fostering connections among Pathfinders and the wider community.

4. Inspirational Church Services:

Design church services that resonate with inspiration and relevance. Entrust Pathfinders with leading divine hour, infusing creativity and passion into the worship experience.

5. Support for Pathfinder Ministry:

Encourage the collection of a special

offering dedicated to the Pathfinder Ministry. This financial support ensures the sustained growth and impact of Pathfinders within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

6. Symbolic Baptismal Service:

Consider incorporating a symbolic or actual baptismal service for interested Pathfinders. This represents a profound step in their spiritual journey and adds a sacred dimension to Pathfinder Day.

7. Historical Reflection on Pathfinders:

Delve into the rich history of Pathfinders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Explore the origins, milestones, and contributions of this vital ministry, fostering a deep appreciation for its legacy.

8. Capture and Share Moments:

Document the day's highlights by taking a club picture. Share this snapshot of unity and enthusiasm on social media platforms using dedicated hashtags such as #WPD24 and #WPD2024. Amplify the global reach of Pathfinder Day celebrations.

9. Invitations for Inclusivity:

Extend warm invitations to friends and the broader community to partake in the diverse activities of the day. Embrace inclusivity and celebrate the collective spirit of Pathfinder Day with a wide audience.

By incorporating these recommendations, Pathfinder Day transforms into an elegant and impactful celebration, fostering spiritual growth, community engagement, and lasting connections among Pathfinders worldwide.



PATHFINDER DAY SERVICE SUGGESTION

Welcome / Introduction to Pathfinder Day:

Have a brief welcome message highlighting the importance of Pathfinder Day and the theme "Jesus Camps With You."

Countdown Video:

Use an exciting countdown video to build anticipation and excitement.

Formation for the Processional:

Preparation for the entrance parade, gathering Pathfinders and leaders.

Processional:

Have a processional entry with music and flags to mark the formal beginning of the event.

Invocation:

Have a prayer to invoke the presence of God and His blessing on the event.



Pathfinder Song:

Performance of the Pathfinder song to foster a spirit of unity.

Pledge, Law, Aim, Motto:

Have all participants recite the pledge, law, aim, and motto of the Pathfinders.

Welcome and Announcements:

Have welcome messages and announcements about the day's activities.

Director's Greeting Video:

Play a video message from the World Pathfinder Director, Dr. Andrés J. Peralta.

Opening Song:

Use an uplifting song to elevate worship and celebration.

Prayer:

Have a prayer of thanks and asking for God's guidance during the event.

Special Act (can be music):

Have a special number, such as a musical performance, to add an artistic touch to the program.

Scripture Reading:

Have a moment of reflection through the reading of a biblical passage related to the spiritual journey.

Tithe and Offering:

Start the collection of tithes and offering to support the Pathfinder Club.

Special Act (can be music):

Have another special number, such as a second musical presentation, to maintain variety.

Sermon: (choose from the provided options):

Select one of the inspiring sermons by Dr. Andrés J. Peralta or another relevant option.

Closing Song:

Have a closing song to end the event with joy

Closing Prayer:

Have a final prayer thanking and seeking blessings for everyone present.

LUNCH:

A time for communion and fellowship after the main program.

This program encompasses spiritual elements, music, prayers, and special moments to ensure a balanced and meaningful experience during Pathfinder Day.

MAKING YOUR PATHFINDER DAY RELEVANT

1. INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING:

Plan activities that cater to the diverse interests and age groups within the Pathfinder community. Ensure that the program includes elements that appeal to both younger and older Pathfinders.

2. GLOBAL CONNECTION:

Emphasize the global nature of Pathfinder Day by incorporating activities that connect participants with Pathfinders from around the world. Virtual interactions, cultural exchanges, or collaborative service projects can enhance the sense of global unity.

3. SERVICE-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES:

Integrate service projects or initiatives that align with the needs of your local community. This not only makes Pathfinder Day relevant but also emphasizes the core values of service and community impact.

4. TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION:

Leverage technology to connect Pathfinders virtually. Use social media, live streams, or video conferencing to facilitate global interactions, showcase talents, and share experiences.

5. INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS:

Organize workshops or sessions that allow Pathfinders to actively participate and learn new skills. Interactive elements keep participants engaged and contribute to the relevance of the event.

6. RELEVANT TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Include discussions or presentations on topics that are relevant to the challenges and opportunities faced by young people today. This could include discussions on mental health, environmental awareness, or social justice.

7. ADAPT TO LOCAL CONTEXT:

Consider the local context and cultural nuances when planning activities. Ensure that the celebration reflects the unique characteristics and needs of your Pathfinder group.

8. MEANINGFUL RECOGNITION:

Recognize and celebrate the achievements of Pathfinders within your community. Acknowledge their efforts in service, leadership, and personal growth.

9. FEEDBACK MECHANISM:

Establish a feedback mechanism to gather insights from participants. Understanding their preferences and perspectives can guide future planning and make subsequent Pathfinder Days even more relevant.

Making your Pathfinder Day relevant involves thoughtful planning and engagement strategies to ensure that the celebration resonates with participants. Here are some tips to make your Pathfinder Day meaningful and impactful:

By incorporating these strategies, you can create a Pathfinder Day celebration that is not only relevant but also enriching, inspiring, and reflective of the values that the Pathfinder movement holds dear.



Helping our Community

Pathfinders can play a significant role in contributing to and helping their community. Here are some ways in which Pathfinders can actively engage in community service:

Identify Community Needs:

Conduct surveys or engage in discussions to identify the specific needs and challenges faced by your community. Understanding these needs will guide your service initiatives.

Service Projects:

Plan and execute service projects that address identified community needs. This could include environmental cleanups, food drives, clothing donations, or organizing events for vulnerable populations.

Collaborate with Local Organizations:

Partner with local non-profit organizations, schools, or community centers to maximize the impact of your service initiatives.

Collaborative efforts can lead to more extensive and sustained community support.

Educational Initiatives:

Develop educational programs or workshops that address relevant issues in the community. This could include health and wellness seminars, educational tutoring, or workshops on essential life skills.

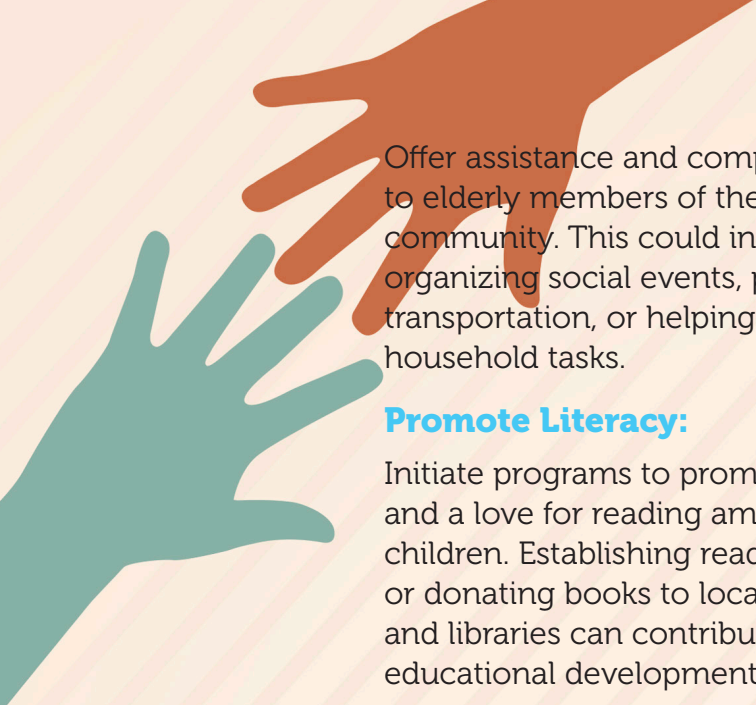
Community Gardens:

Establish or contribute to community gardens to promote sustainable living and provide fresh produce to those in need. Gardening activities also offer opportunities for teamwork and skill development.

Awareness Campaigns:

Raise awareness about important social issues within the community. Create campaigns on topics such as mental health, environmental conservation, or promoting kindness and inclusivity.

Senior Citizen Support:



Offer assistance and companionship to elderly members of the community. This could involve organizing social events, providing transportation, or helping with household tasks.

Promote Literacy:

Initiate programs to promote literacy and a love for reading among children. Establishing reading clubs or donating books to local schools and libraries can contribute to educational development.

Environmental Initiatives:

Participate in or organize environmental initiatives such as tree planting, recycling drives, or clean-up campaigns. These activities contribute to the overall well-being of the community and the planet.

Social Media Campaigns:

Utilize social media platforms to raise awareness about community issues, share success stories, and inspire others to get involved. Leverage technology to amplify the impact of your initiatives.

Regular Volunteer Commitment:

Encourage Pathfinders to commit

to regular volunteering. Consistent involvement in community service fosters a sense of responsibility and connection to the community.

Fundraising Events:

Organize fundraising events to support local charities or community projects. This could include fun runs, charity walks, or creative events to generate funds for a good cause.

Participate in Global Initiatives:

Connect with other Pathfinder clubs globally to participate in or support international initiatives. This global collaboration enhances the sense of community and shared responsibility.

Evaluate and Adjust:

Regularly evaluate the impact of your community service initiatives and be open to adjusting your approach based on feedback and evolving community needs. By actively engaging in these initiatives, Pathfinders can make a meaningful and positive impact on their communities while fostering a sense of responsibility, empathy, and teamwork.

Aim, Motto, Pledge, and Law

AIM

The Advent Message to all the world in my generation

MOTTO

The love of Christ compels us

PLEDGE

By the grace of God
I will be pure and kind and true
I will keep the Pathfinder Law
I will be a servant of God
and a friend to man

LAW

The Pathfinder Law is for me to:

1. Keep the morning watch
2. Do my honest part
3. Care for my body
4. Keep a level eye
5. Be courteous and obedient
6. Walk softly in the sanctuary
7. Keep a song in my heart
8. Go on God's errands.

WHY PATHFINDER MINISTRIES?

Pathfinder Ministries play a crucial role in the holistic development of youth by providing a platform for spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth. Here are ways in which Pathfinder Ministries can positively impact youth:

1. Spiritual Development:

- Bible Study and Worship: Pathfinder Ministries offer opportunities for regular Bible study, worship, and prayer, fostering a deepening of spiritual beliefs and values.
- Spiritual Retreats: Organize spiritual retreats or camps that allow youth to disconnect from daily life, reflect, and strengthen their spiritual connection.

2. Character Building:

- Honors Program: Implement the Pathfinder Honors program, which provides practical skills and values-based education, contributing to character development.
- Leadership Training: Offer leadership training and mentorship programs to empower youth to become responsible, ethical leaders.

3. Community Service and Outreach:

- Service Projects: Engage youth

in community service projects, instilling a sense of responsibility, empathy, and a commitment to making a positive impact on society.

- Mission Trips: Organize local and international mission trips, providing youth with opportunities to serve and experience different cultures.

4. Physical Fitness and Recreation:

- Outdoor Activities: Plan outdoor activities, camping, and recreational events that promote physical fitness, teamwork, and a connection with nature.
- Pathfinder Games: Incorporate games and sports that encourage physical activity and friendly competition.

5. Social Skills and Teamwork:

- Group Dynamics: Pathfinder activities involve teamwork, collaboration, and social interaction, helping youth develop effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Friendship and Community: Pathfinder Ministries provide a supportive community where youth can build lasting friendships and connections.

6. Educational Support:

- Tutoring Programs: Offer tutoring or study groups to support academic achievement and foster a culture of learning.
- Educational Workshops: Organize workshops on relevant topics, including career guidance, financial literacy, and life skills.

7. Mental and Emotional Well-being:

- Counseling Services: Provide access to counseling services or support groups to address mental health and emotional well-being.
- Mindfulness Practices: Integrate mindfulness and stress-relief activities to help youth cope with challenges and develop resilience.

8. Global Awareness and Cultural Exchange:

- International Connections: Foster global awareness by connecting Pathfinder clubs internationally, promoting cultural exchange and understanding.
- International Events: Participate in or host international events, such as Camporees, to broaden perspectives and build a sense of global unity.

9. Technology Integration:

- Digital Platforms: Utilize digital platforms and social media to engage youth, share resources, and facilitate communication within the Pathfinder community.
- Online Learning: Offer online learning opportunities and resources to adapt to changing educational and communication trends.

10. Youth Empowerment and Involvement:

- Leadership Opportunities: Provide avenues for youth to take on leadership roles within the Pathfinder Ministries, empowering them to contribute actively.
- Youth-Led Initiatives: Encourage and support youth-led initiatives and projects, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.

By addressing various aspects of youth development, Pathfinder Ministries create a nurturing environment that empowers young individuals to grow spiritually, socially, and personally, preparing them for a purposeful and fulfilling life.

MAKING YOUR PATHFINDER DAY MORE VISIBLE MINISTRIES?

Making your Pathfinder Day more visible on social media involves strategic planning and engaging content creation. Here are some tips to enhance the visibility of your Pathfinder Day on social platforms:

1. Prepare for Activates:

Directors and staff should have signed permission from parents, in accordance with their local laws for posting minors on social media. Permission should be prepared ahead of time so children can participate in recorded activates.

2. Create a Hashtag:

Develop a unique and catchy hashtag specifically for your Pathfinder Day celebration. Encourage participants to use this hashtag in their posts to create a unified online presence.

3. Visual Content:

Share visually appealing content such as photos, videos, and graphics that capture

the essence of your Pathfinder Day activities. Visuals are more likely to attract attention and engagement.

4. Live Streaming:

Utilize live streaming on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube to broadcast key events, ceremonies, or activities in real-time. This allows a wider audience to virtually participate.

5. Pre-Event Teasers:

Build anticipation by posting teasers or countdowns leading up to Pathfinder Day. Share behind-the-scenes glimpses, sneak peeks, or short videos to generate excitement.

6. Engage with Your Audience:

Actively respond to comments, likes, and shares. Engage with your audience by asking questions, encouraging them to share their experiences, or running polls related to Pathfinder Day.

7. Collaborate with Influencers:

Identify and collaborate with influencers or individuals with a significant following who align with the values of Pathfinder Day. Their endorsement can help amplify your message.

8. User-Generated Content:

Encourage participants to create and share their own content. This could include photos, videos, or stories from their Pathfinder Day experiences. Share this user-generated content on your official pages.

9. Cross-Platform Promotion:

Promote your Pathfinder Day across multiple social media platforms. Tailor your content to suit the strengths and preferences of each platform (e.g., Instagram for visuals, Twitter for updates).

10. Event Highlights:

Create highlight reels or stories on platforms like Instagram to showcase the most memorable moments from your Pathfinder Day. This provides a quick overview for those who might have missed the live events.

11. Contests and Challenges:

Launch social media contests or challenges related to Pathfinder Day. Encourage participants to share their creativity, skills, or experiences, and offer prizes to winners.

12. Customized Filters and Frames:

Create customized social media filters or frames that participants can use in their posts. This adds a fun and personalized touch to their content.

13. Share Testimonials and Stories:

Share stories and testimonials from participants, leaders, or community members who have been positively impacted by Pathfinder activities. Authentic stories resonate well on social media.

14. Post-Event Recap:

After the event, create a comprehensive post-event recap with highlights, statistics, and thank-you messages. This keeps the momentum going and allows those who missed it to catch up.

15. Schedule Posts:

Plan and schedule social media posts in advance to maintain a consistent presence. Use scheduling tools to ensure timely and regular updates leading up to and during Pathfinder Day.

Remember to measure engagement metrics, analyze what works best, and refine your social media strategy for future Pathfinder Day celebrations.



SERMON 1

Jesus Camping with You: A Journey of Faith and Friendship

Opening Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we gather here today in the spirit of fellowship and discovery, we invite Your presence to be with us. Bless our time together as we embark on a virtual journey exploring the concept of “Jesus Camping with You.” May Your Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, open our hearts, and draw us closer to You. We seek Your wisdom, love, and inspiration as we dive into this time of reflection and learning. In Jesus’ name, we pray.

Amen

Introduction:

Dear Pathfinders, parents, and friends, welcome to this special gathering where we embark on a spiritual journey exploring the concept of “Jesus Camping with You.” Imagine a campsite surrounded by the beauty of nature, the warmth of a campfire, and the presence of a dear friend, Jesus. Today, we’ll delve into the journey of faith and friendship that awaits us in this unique camping experience.

1. Setting Up the Camp: A Foundation of Faith

As we pitch our tents and set up camp, let's draw parallels to building a strong foundation of faith. Just as we secure our tents with stakes to withstand the winds, our faith is anchored in the teachings and promises of Jesus. In Matthew 7:24-25, Jesus compares the wise man who built his house on the rock to those who hear His words and act on them. Our faith becomes resilient when rooted in the truths found in God's Word.

2. Exploring the Wilderness: Navigating Life's Challenges

Life often feels like a vast wilderness, filled with unknown paths, challenges, and uncertainties. However, just like Jesus camping with us, we are not alone in this journey. In Psalm 23:4, David declares, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me." The presence of Jesus brings comfort, guidance, and assurance as we navigate through life's wilderness.

3. Campfire Conversations: Building a Friendship with Jesus

Picture gathering around the campfire, sharing stories, laughter, and genuine moments with Jesus. In John 15:15, Jesus says, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends." Jesus desires a deep and personal friendship with each

of us. Just as friends open their hearts to one another, let's open our hearts to Jesus through prayer, reflection, and a willingness to listen.

4. Stargazing: Discovering God's Grand Design

During our campout, let's take a moment to gaze at the stars, contemplating the vastness of God's creation. Just as each star has its place in the night sky, we, too, have a unique purpose in God's grand design. Jeremiah 29:11 assures us, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jesus, our guide, reveals our purpose and leads us in the journey of fulfilling God's divine plan.

5. Camp Activities: Developing Spiritual Skills

Our camp wouldn't be complete without engaging in activities that develop our spiritual skills. Similar to honing camping skills, we can grow in our relationship with Jesus through prayer, studying the Bible, and serving others. James 2:17 reminds us, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." Let's actively apply our faith, demonstrating love and kindness to those around us.

6. Night Watch: Trusting Jesus in the Dark

As the night watch begins, we may encounter darkness and uncertainties. Yet, Jesus promises to be our guiding light. Psalm 119:105 declares, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Trusting Jesus during the night seasons of life means relying on His promises, even when we can't see what lies ahead. Our faith grows as we walk hand in hand with Him through the darkest hours.

7. Sunrise: A New Dawn with Jesus

With the breaking of dawn, we witness the beauty of a new day. Similarly, in our spiritual journey, Jesus offers the promise of a new beginning. Lamentations 3:22-23 declares, "Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Every sunrise brings the hope of redemption, forgiveness, and a fresh start in our friendship with Jesus.

Conclusion:

As we conclude our imaginary camping trip with Jesus, let's carry the lessons of faith, friendship, and adventure with us. Jesus camping with us is not just a metaphor; it's a reality that we can experience every day. As Pathfinders, let's cherish the joy of camping with Jesus, knowing that He is our guide, friend, and constant companion in the journey of faith. May our tents be firmly anchored in His Word, and may our hearts be open to the warmth of His love.

Let's go forth with the assurance that Jesus is camping with each one of us, leading us on an exciting adventure of faith and friendship.

Final Prayer:

Gracious Lord,

As we conclude our time together, we thank You for the journey of faith and friendship we've explored today. We are grateful for the assurance that Jesus is camping with us, guiding our steps and lighting our path. May the lessons we've learned resonate in our hearts, inspiring us to walk in faith, build a deep friendship with Jesus, and share Your love with others.

As we go forth from this virtual gathering, be our constant companion, O Lord. Bless each Pathfinder, parent, and friend present here. May Your grace go before us and may the joy of camping with Jesus be a reality in our lives every day. In the precious name of Jesus, we offer this prayer.

Amen.

SERMON 2

The Pathfinder Quest: An Epic Adventure with Jesus

Opening Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we gather with open hearts and curious minds, we invite Your presence into our midst. Bless this time of exploration and joy as we dive into Your Word. May Your Spirit guide us, enlighten our understanding, and fill our hearts with laughter and wisdom. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Bible Reading: Psalm 119:105

Introduction:

Happy Sabbath Pathfinders! How's everyone doing today? I am happy to be here and share a message of an epic quest – not just any quest, but a Pathfinder quest where Jesus is our guide. Let connect and push forward as we open up God's word and study the adventures Jesus has in store for us.

I. The Great Adventure Map: God's Word (Psalm 119:105)

When we think about going on an adventure, among the first things we need to travel is a map. Our map for this incredible Pathfinder quest is none other than God's Word. In Psalm 119:105, it says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Just like a map guides us through unknown



territories, the Bible lights up our path, showing us the way in this amazing journey with Jesus. Jesus shows that he knows the way through the wilderness and is always an example of how we can follow his steps wherever they may take us. Like true Pathfinders, we must equip ourselves with the Map of God so we may face any challenges that may come our way.

(Possible Illustration: Image of a giant map with Bible verses, each leading to a new discovery on our Pathfinder quest.)

II. Backpack Essentials: Faith, Hope, and Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

As Pathfinders we know we need materials for a trip such as a backpack with food, rope, sleeping bag, etc. The bible also tells us we must equip ourselves with necessary materials for what lies ahead in life. The Apostle Paul gives us a clue in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." So the bible says that our backpack should be filled with faith – believing in Jesus, hope – looking forward to the incredible things He has for us, and love – the compass that points us in the right direction. They are necessary for any adventure Jesus will lead us to.

(Possible Illustration: Picture of a backpack being filled with labeled items - Faith, Hope, and Love.)

III. The Trail of Friendship: Walking with Jesus (John 15:15)

For many, they tend to believe that a

spiritual adventurer, can be a lonely journey. Sometimes, even your friends, family and church community don't understand what you are going through. However, Jesus shows that no matter how far or where we go, we are never alone. Jesus isn't just a distant figure; He's our ultimate guide and friend. In John 15:15, Jesus says, "I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends." So, as we walk this trail, don't forget to chat with Jesus, share your dreams with him, and maybe even tell a few jokes together. Jesus is always willing to listen.

(Possible Illustration: Use a picture of Pathfinders hiking on a trail with Jesus' walking right beside them, sharing laughter and stories.)

IV. The Compass of Choices: Following Jesus (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Like most quests, this one is also full of choices – which way to go, what to do, etc. But we should not fear Choices. Within our grasp we have the ultimate compass to guide us. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." So, when faced with choices, trust Jesus, our compass, to lead us on the right path. He has never steered us wrong, and he never shall. It may not be the easiest path to follow but it is the right path.

(Possible Illustration: Use an image of a compass with "Trust in the Lord" written on it, guiding Pathfinders through a maze of choices.)

V. The Quest Challenges: Courage and Perseverance (Joshua 1:9)

Even when we prepare for challenges, we understand that every great quest comes with unexpected challenges. We try to do our best to prepare, but we can never fully predict what may happen. The good news – we're not alone when facing challenges. In Joshua 1:9, it says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." When challenges come our way, the Lord says we have to be courageous. Knowing that Jesus is right here with us makes facing challenges easier to handle and gives us strength to overcome what lies ahead.

(Possible Illustration: Use Pictures of Pathfinders overcoming obstacles with Jesus cheering them on, a banner saying "Courage" waving in the background.)

VI. The Treasure of Discoveries: God's Amazing Surprises (Jeremiah 29:13)

Aside from challenges and difficulties, God has given treasures that reveal themselves as we continue his quest. We discover that throughout the quest we have become more connected and trusting in God. We develop a stronger relationship with Him by trusting Him. In Jeremiah 29:13, it says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." The treasure that God gives is a strong relationship with Him. He treasures us and through Him we discover the beauty of His love.

(Possible Illustration: Pathfinders

uncovering hidden treasures with expressions of awe and wonder.)

VII. The Celebration Campfire: Joy in the Journey (Psalm 16:11)

Like any true quest, we all know there is an end. At the end of our Pathfinder quest, we can imagine gathering around a campfire and finding rest with Jesus. In Psalm 16:11, it says, "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." Jesus shows that wherever we end up He will provide and shelter us. He gives warmth and strength to continue the path tomorrow.

So, let's celebrate the joy of the journey with Jesus – singing, laughing, and sharing stories as we do around a campfire.

(Possible Illustration: Picture Pathfinders gathering and singing around a campfire, radiating joy.)

Final Prayer:

Dear Lord,

As we wrap up this incredible Pathfinder quest, we thank You for being our guide, friend, and constant companion. Bless each Pathfinder on this journey, and may the lessons learned and memories created stay with them forever. As we continue our adventure with You, fill our hearts with joy, courage, and an unwavering faith. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



SERMON 3

Jesus Camps with You

Bible Reading: “For he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’” –Hebrews 13:5b (NIV)

Opening Prayer:

Loving and wonderful God, we thank You for this day filled with exciting anticipation. As we delve into Your Word, we ask that Your Spirit guides us and reveals the beauty of the truth we will find in Jesus. In Jesus’ name, we pray,

Amen.

Introduction

Hello to all the Pathfinders joining us today! I’m excited to dive into a special journey together. Today, we’ll explore the theme: Jesus. Our motto is as thrilling as the adventure itself: “Jesus camps with you.” And what better way to start than by remembering Jesus’ direct promise in Hebrews 13:5b: “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Join me as we uncover the meaning behind these words.

I. Part 1: Jesus, the Inseparable Companion

Imagine you’re on an exciting camp in the forest with your best friends. Excitement fills the air as you prepare for a night full of adventures and laughter. But what makes camping so special? The stories shared around the campfire create unforgettable memories! In the Bible, we discover

that Jesus also loves stories and spending time with His friends.

Jesus, the Friend Who Never Leaves:

In Matthew 28:20 (NIV), Jesus reveals something extraordinary: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." This goes beyond just being a friend; Jesus is like that inseparable companion who never leaves your side. Imagine walking through the forest with Jesus, sharing laughter, and listening to His fascinating stories. He is not just a friend; He is the friend who is always there.

Jesus, the Storyteller:

Imagine sitting by the celestial campfire as Jesus shares incredible stories. Stories of love, courage, and hope. Each story has a special message, reminding us how much He loves us and how important we are to Him. Jesus is not just our friend but also the most incredible storyteller who invites us to be part of His story and experience unforgettable moments.

Jesus, the Fun Playmate:

In this camp, the fun never stops. Imagine exciting games led by Jesus. Races across the starry sky, jumps from cloud to cloud, and laughter filling the air. Jesus is not just a friend; He is the best playmate. He enjoys every moment with you, creating laughter that turns into eternal memories. In this celestial camp, Jesus is the leader of fun.

Jesus, the Exploration Buddy:

The celestial forest is vast and full of amazing discoveries. Imagine exploring this forest hand in hand with Jesus. Each path leads to new wonders He has created. Flowers shine with colors never seen before, and streams whisper secrets of creation. Jesus is the perfect guide, showing you the beauty of His creation and sharing the joy of exploring together.

Jesus, the Listening Friend:

On starry nights in the celestial camp, Jesus becomes the best confidant. Imagine sitting next to Him, under the blanket of stars, sharing your deepest thoughts. Jesus listens to every word with love and understanding. He is not just a friend; He is the confidant who is always there to listen, comfort, and understand. In that magical moment, you feel the comforting embrace of Jesus.

Jesus, the Song Master:

The campfire glows as Jesus takes a celestial guitar and starts playing melodies full of love. The songs tell the story of His eternal love and the promise to always be by our side. Jesus is not just a friend; He is the master of songs filling the camp with celestial harmonies. In that moment, every heart beats to the rhythm of His melody, feeling the depth of His love.

Today, we've explored the incredible truth that Jesus is not just our friend but also the perfect adventure companion. He

is the storyteller, the game leader, the guide in exploration, and the confidant on starry nights. The next time you think of Jesus, remember that He is the friend who never leaves, the inseparable companion inviting you to His celestial camp. Let's thank God for giving us Jesus, our eternal companion in this exciting adventure called life.

Jesus' Celestial Camp

Close your eyes and imagine Jesus' celestial camp. The campfire lights up the starry sky as laughter and joyful songs fill the air. In this camp, there is no exclusion or judgment; everyone is welcome. Jesus has a radiant smile as He invites each child around Him to join the fun. And the most exciting part is that in that celestial camp, Jesus always has a reserved spot for each of us. No matter who we are or what we've done, Jesus invites us to His camp because He loves us. Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus wants to camp with you?

II. Discovering Why Jesus Wants to Camp with You

Jesus Knows the Inside of Your Heart:

In 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV), God teaches us that He does not look only at our external appearance but directly at our hearts. Jesus knows every corner of our hearts and loves every part of us. Have you ever felt lonely or sad? Jesus is there to comfort you and remind you how valuable you are. He knows your fears, dreams, and every little

detail that makes you unique. Thank you, Lord, for knowing us so intimately. Amen.

Jesus Wants to Share with You:

But Jesus not only knows our hearts; He also wants to spend time with you. In Revelation 3:20 (NIV), Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." This is not just a meal; it's an invitation to share life. Jesus wants to know you deeply, be part of your joys and challenges. Imagine having a special dinner with Jesus, where you can talk about everything. Thank you, Lord, for inviting us to share with you. Amen.

Dinner with Jesus

Visualize a table full of your favorite foods. Jesus is there, smiling and sharing with you. It's not just a dinner; it's a special moment where Jesus listens to your thoughts, shares experiences, and builds a stronger bond with you. Imagine how amazing it would be to have Jesus as your closest friend. Thank you, Lord, for being our companion at this friendship table.

III. Jesus, Our Unbreakable Protector

When we camp, we always want to feel safe. Imagine being in the midst of nature, surrounded by nighttime sounds and the darkness looming around. In those moments, the need to know that we are protected arises. Did you know that Jesus is our unbreakable protector? In Psalm 121:7-

8 (NIV), we read: "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." This promise is not just a statement; it's the assurance that Jesus is always watching over us.

Jesus, the Guardian of Our Path:

In the forest of life, we often face unknown paths and trails that may seem dark. The promise of Psalm 121 assures us that Jesus is our constant guide. He lights our way, protecting us from stumbles and obstacles. Imagine walking with Jesus, who, with every step, ensures that we are on the right path to the full life He has for us.

Jesus, the Unbreakable Shield:

In life, sometimes we encounter unforeseen storms: challenges, fears, and situations that threaten to destabilize us. But Jesus is our unbreakable shield. In Proverbs 30:5 (NIV), we are assured that "God is a shield to those who take refuge in him." Visualize a divine shield that Jesus places in front of you, protecting you from life's hurricane winds. In His presence, you are sheltered and secure.

Expanded Divine Protection Tent

Now imagine the divine protection tent that Jesus places around each of you. This tent not only protects you from storms but is also a refuge full of love and comfort. In this tent, Jesus is not only the guardian defending against adversities but also the

friend who shares moments of calm and peace. The divine protection tent is not just a shield; it's a place where Jesus is present, enveloping you with His constant love.

Conclusion

Today, we've explored the incredible truth that Jesus is not just our friend but also wants to camp with us. He knows our hearts, wants to share special moments, and protects us at all times. The next time you feel alone or face challenges, remember that Jesus is camping with you.

Thank you for sharing this time together. Always remember that you are loved by Jesus and that He is just a prayer away. Have a wonderful day, and never forget: Jesus camps with you!

Closing Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for this time we've shared. May Your love and grace accompany us always. May every child here feel Your presence and remember that Jesus camps with them. Amen.

Thank you for sharing this time together. Always remember that you are loved by Jesus and that He is just a prayer away. Have a wonderful day, and never forget: Jesus camps with you

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SERMON 4

Camping with Jesus

Bible Reading: Matthew 28:20b (NIV) - "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Opening Prayer:

We thank you for this beautiful day you've given us and for the opportunity to gather here. In this special moment, we lift our voices to acknowledge your constant presence in our lives. Lord, guide us as we explore the profound meaning of "Camping with You."

Help us understand the wonderful promise that you will always be with us, to the very end of the world. Allow us to feel your presence in every shared word, and may we leave here inspired to walk with Jesus in every step of our lives.

We ask all this in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus.

Amen.

Introduction

YHappy Sabbath! We may be wondering what today's theme, "Camping with Jesus," exactly means. I know I did. Well, imagine this: when we go camping, we bring everything necessary to be comfortable and safe. We may bring items such as a tent, flashlights, delicious food, and, of course, our friends or family. Now, what if we imagine that Jesus also wants to go camping with us? What would

like? What would we do together? Is that possible??

Jesus wants to be our companion in this wonderful adventure called life. He is never far away or distant from us. Jesus desires to be as close to us as a camping buddy, sharing every moment with us. And that's what we'll explore in today's message. We will look at the question: How can Jesus be present in every aspect of our lives, as a constant and loyal friend.

Let open our Bibles to our bible verse: Matthew 28:20 (NIV) - "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Picture this: Jesus, the Son of God, assures us that His presence will accompany us in every step of our journey, no matter where we go or what we face. It excites me to explore this promise and discover how we can live each day knowing that we have Jesus as our faithful companion wherever we go.

Part 1: The Promise of Jesus' Presence:

Let's start with one of the most incredible stories in the Bible that shows Jesus' constant presence. The Israelites, led by Moses, are about to enter the Promised Land. Moses, the great leader, knew his time had come to an end, and he was passing the responsibility on to Joshua.

Joshua, as the new leader, had to face numerous challenges and responsibilities. But amid the uncertainty, God spoke directly to him and made an unbreakable promise. God said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9, NIV).

I imagine Joshua receiving these comforting words in the midst of his fears and anxieties. The promise was not just for Joshua but for all of us. Jesus assures us that we are not alone on our journey through life. Jesus faces our challenges, fears and anxieties with us, so we are never alone.

(Possible Illustration: Image of Jesus having a camping tent and always ready to camp with you)

Now, let visualize this: you're ready for an exciting camping trip. Then Jesus decides to come camping with you. He brings His tent big enough for you as well of course! He also has all the essentials you need to worry about anything.

In our life journey, amidst our joys and challenges, Jesus sets up His tent beside us. We can see it there, ready to provide shade when it's hot, shelter when it rains, and company when you feel alone. Jesus is not distant; He is right there with you, sharing every moment of your journey weather good or bad.

The bible says in Joshua 1:9 (NIV) - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

This tender promise of God to Joshua is like a light that illuminates our path. Joshua knew that, in his leadership, he didn't have to fear or be discouraged because the Lord would be by his side. The same goes for us too. This verse reminds us that no matter where we go, what challenges we face, or how dark the path seems, Jesus is there, camping with us. His presence fills us with courage and assures us that we are never alone.

Part 2: Jesus Camps with You in Joys and Challenges:

Now, Let's explore the exciting aspect of having Jesus as our camping companion: His active involvement in our journey. Our relationship with Jesus should not be passive; He fully engages in every aspect of our lives.

Let's think about our brightest joys. In those moments of laughter, achievements, and successes, Jesus is not a distant spectator; He rejoices with along us. When we experience joy, He shares that joy with a divine smile. Our triumphs are not just ours; they are shared with the friend who is camping with us.

Consider the challenges we face.

Jesus is not indifferent to our struggles. He is there, ready to extend His helping hand. No matter how difficult the situation, Jesus walks with us through every valley and strengthens us in the midst of storms. The promise of Philippians 4:13 comes alive in these moments: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Jesus gives us the strength to overcome any challenge because He camps with us through the storms of our lives.

(Possible Illustration: A day of camping with Jesus, experiencing both good and challenging moments, possibly storms.):

When we are having a camping day with Jesus, we start with exciting adventure such as a sunny hike, enjoying nature and sharing laughs. Jesus is there, smiling, sharing stories, and creating memories with us. In these moments, we feel the fullness of His company and the joy of His presence.

However, in the midst of the day, a storm can approach. Clouds can darken the sky, and rain begins to fall. It's a reminder that life has its own challenges. The beauty is that Jesus doesn't run from the storm. Instead, He sets up His camping tent and provides shelter for us. Even though the day may take an unexpected turn, you're not alone. Jesus is there, facing the storm with you.

The bible says in Philippians 4:13 (NIV) - "I can do all this through him who gives

me strength.”

This verse becomes our strength in the midst of joys and challenges. Philippians 4:13 reminds us that, with Jesus as our companion, we are not limited by our own strength. His strength empowers us to face any situation. Just as He camps with us in good times, He also upholds us in difficult times..

As we reflect on how Jesus shares our joys and helps us in challenges, we recognize that His presence enriches every aspect of our lives. Let’s move forward, aware that we have a divine companion who shares every emotion and strengthens us in every challenge.

Part 3: Invitation to Camp with Jesus:

(Possible Illustration: An image of Jesus as our closest friend)

Having a friend who is always there to listen to you, celebrate your achievements, and comfort you in difficult times. A friend who not just someone you know from afar; He’s someone deeply involved in every aspect of your life. Jesus is that friend. Having Him as your closest friend means you never feel alone, no matter what you face.

Think about the earthly friendships you’ve had. How do you feel when you share laughs and tears with someone?

Jesus wants to be that special friend for you. He not only camps with you in your adventures but is there when you need a shoulder to lean on. Friendship with Jesus is the most significant and enduring you can experience.

In Revelation 3:20 (NIV), it says - “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”

This invitation from Jesus is beautiful and personal. He’s at the door of your heart, calling tenderly. The decision is in your hands. If you open the door, Jesus will come in and share with you not only everyday moments but also special and meaningful moments, like an intimate dinner between friends. This verse shows us that the relationship with Jesus is more than mere coexistence; it’s a close and personal communion.

We’ve reached a special moment where I want to extend a special call to all the Pathfinders and young people here. Jesus not only wants to camp with you occasionally but longs to be your daily companion. Imagine having the best friend in the universe walking with you every day, ready to share every moment with you.

Today, I invite you to open your hearts and welcome Jesus into your daily life. He’s not far away; He’s at the door of your heart, calling with love. No matter how

young or old you are, Jesus wants to be your closest friend. Just as you pack your backpack for a camping day, prepare to have Jesus as your faithful companion in your daily journey.

If this is something you would like to do feel free to stand up and come to the front for a special prayer.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for your unconditional love and for always being with us. Today, many of us open the door of our hearts to invite you to be our closest friend. May your presence transform our lives and guide us in every step of our journey. In your precious name, we pray.

Amen.





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