

Week 1: Love God

Tuesday, July 7

Introductions:

This is your first meeting! Welcome everyone by name. Make sure everyone's name is showing on their video; help with instructions if someone doesn't know how to change their name. Make sure everyone knows how to mute themselves. Explain that there will be times when they should be muted, and times when it is okay for everyone to be unmuted.

Simple Introduction:

Start with a Round Robin ice breaker. Explain how "popcorn" works: One person speaks, then calls on the next person. Help facilitate this when someone forgets.

Try something simple: Everyone tells their name, location, and then either one fact or answer the question of the day.

Some ideas:

If you could be any animal, what would you be?

A This or That: Choose between two choices, like tacos or hamburgers. For ideas, Google "This or That Questions."

Check out some of the linked documents on www.silverlakect.org/virtual-volunteers for more ideas for Zoom games and ice breakers.

Covenant Building:

This is your first time together! Take a few minutes to talk about expectations. Remind them of the Behavioral Covenant they signed as part of registration (see the full text in your Virtual Volunteer Handbook). Ask them to name other things that they need to feel respected and to have fun during cabin groups.

You can use Zoom's whiteboard feature for this. Depending on the age of your group, you can invite them to write their ideas on the whiteboard with the annotate feature, or you can just take notes for them (use it like a flipchart).

Fun Times:

We will give you a list of who in your Cabin has purchased an At Home box. If they have, you can ask them to show off their pollinator gardens and talk about where they are going to keep them.

Choose another fun Zoom activity that will help the group get to know each other. Depending on how many you have and how much time you have left, you can have them do a tour of their space or a "show and tell" of something meaningful.

Another idea is to play a simple game like Scattergories. You can make up your own categories and put them up on the screen.

Closing:

Choose a standard closing activity that you will do at the end of each Cabin Group.

Some ideas:

- Rose, Bud, Thorn (rose=something good; bud=something developing or something you're excited for; thorn=a low moment)
- Say goodbye to everyone in the group, Walton Family-style
- Affirmation, popcorn-style: Each person takes a turn saying something nice about another person, can't repeat, until everyone has said something and everyone has had something nice said about them.

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Thursday, July 9

Introduction/Icebreaker:

Choose an opening activity. It could be a This or That, Question of the Day.

Fun Times:

Choose a silly activity. If you haven't done a show & tell or a tour of your room, this would be a good choice. Also, you can play Pictionary using the whiteboard and annotate features. Make up a few prompts before your call.

Reflection:

This week is about creating sacred space and talking with God. Read through the Week 1 Journal Prompts in the Program Guide. Ask everyone to describe their journal spot. Make a list of the different characteristics of the space. After everyone has spoken, make connections about how any space can be sacred.

Time Filler:

Have a couple of extra activities prepared in case you haven't filled out your 30 minutes. You could poll the group on what kind of group activity they'd like to do: a talent show in Week 4? A Google scavenger hunt? Make your own music video? Get some ideas for a project.

If all else fails, have a dance party. Have a few camp-appropriate songs ready to go.

Closing:

Do your chosen closing activity. Remind them about Cooking with Chef Lynn at 3 p.m.

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