



REC CAMP PARENT PACKET

Student Life is excited to host your student at camp this summer. We have put together a packet of information not only to help you pack, but also to keep you informed about what the week looks like. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your student's life in what we are praying will be a truly transformational week.

WHAT WILL YOUR STUDENT BE LEARNING?

CAMP THEME: "UNLIKELY"

"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or his stature because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart." 1 SAMUEL 16:7

DAILY BIBLE STUDY FOCUSES

DAY 1: AN UNLIKELY CHOICE

We typically remember David for his greatest moments – He was a mighty warrior and the King of Israel. But his highlight reel can make us miss how his story started. By his culture's standards, David was an unlikely choice to be anointed king over God's people. He was the youngest son in his family and he lived as a shepherd out in the fields with his sheep. Even his own father did not consider him a likely choice to rule over people. Though others dismissed David, God did not. He saw David's heart and chose him to be king. Yet, David isn't God's only unlikely choice. God has a habit of choosing unlikely people for His purposes – even people like us.

DAY 2: AN UNLIKELY HOPE

David's fight with Goliath was the first underdog story ever. David, a teenage shepherd with no real weapons and no armor, versus Goliath, a Giant and Philistine war champion. David walked into this battle armed only with a sling and some smooth stones, but his confidence was not in his weapon-of-choice – his hope was fully set in God to bring down Goliath. David was an unlikely warrior equipped with an unlikely hope. As we fight our own battles, we often feel unequipped, unprepared, and unworthy, but trusting in God leads us to walk in confidence. God is faithful and worthy of our hope.



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DAY 3: AN UNLIKELY RESPONSE

It's easy to think that David had it all together since Scripture refers to him as a man after God's own heart, but David was far from perfect. He had a sinful, sexual relationship with a married woman named Bathsheba and did everything he could to cover up what he'd done, even when that meant having her husband killed. David's response to what he did and God's response to what David did are both quite unlikely. Instead of being defensive or indifferent when confronted about what happened, David responded in repentance. And though God was grieved by David's sin, He responded with kindness and compassion. David messed up big time — and we have, too. When we repent, we choose the unlikely response to our sin, and we're met by the grace of Jesus, whose unlikely response forgives us and restores us.

DAY 4: AN UNLIKELY LOVE

Being someone after God's heart spills over into our relationships with others. David had a life-giving, intimate friendship with a man named Jonathan, and a tumultuous, exhausting relationship with a king named Saul — Jonathan was David's best friend, while Saul was David's worst enemy. It's common for relationships to be more self-seeking than self-sacrificing, yet in each of these relationships David displays an unlikely love. When we understand the gravity of God's sacrificial love for us, we become open to loving others — friend or foe — in the same way.