**Summit Children’s Wednesday Morning Cabin Devotional**

**Ask the Children if they know the theme for the Week.**

**Ask, What does Cultivate mean?**

**(Explain how a seed must be planted and watered and cared for to grow!! If you could bring a plant or seed as an object lesson, that would be great).**

**Now ask: We can see how a plant must be watered and cared for to grow, so How can we grow in our relationship to Jesus?**

**Today we are going to talk about Prayer. This is so important to our growth as a Christian.**

**What is prayer?**

**Do a Simple skit and sit on the lap of another adult sponsor and act like they are Santa Clause and just start telling them everything that you want. Make it sound ridiculous.**

**Tell the kids: This is what most of us think prayer is like, Are you just asking God for everything we want and making this huge list like we do Santa Clause at Christmas? Prayer should not be like this. Prayer is about a Relationship. If you talk all the time with one of your friends and you never listen, you probably will not have that friend for very long.**

**Prayer is about a relationship with God. Sometimes you talk and sometimes you listen.**

**When should we pray? Ephesians 6:18**

 **There is a pamphlet you can get from Lifeway Called ACTS in prayer. This is what is teaches.**

**A = Affirm God’s Presence. Adoration**

**C = Confession**

**T = Thanksgiving**

**S = Seeking for Self and others**

**Adoration- Start your prayers by praising God for who he is. What is Praise? Psalms 46:10, Heb. 13:15, Psalms 150:6**

**Pick out one child and have everyone say only “Good” things about them. This is praising someone. Now we should praise GOD a lot more than we praise each other!!!**

**Have Children praise God. Names of God. His Character, etc.**

**Confession - Adoration leads to Confession. Read Isaiah 6:1-5**

**What does 1 John 1:9 say?**

**Does Jesus forgive our sins? Psalms 103:12.**

**Thanksgiving - Psalms 118:1 1 Chron. 16:34**

**Have a contest to see who can say the most things that they are thankful in 30 seconds**

**Should we Thank God for the trials that come our way? James 1:2**

**Adoration is giving glory to God for who He is**

**Thanksgiving is giving glory to God for what He has done**

**Thanksgiving is not just one time a year. Everyday should be Thanksgiving Day.**

**Seeking for Others and Ourselves**

**Praying for others is like connecting the needs of another person to the Lord. Sharing their burden.**

**Praying for your own needs to be last.**

**Is there anything too small to pray for, or not important? James 4:2**

**Luke 11:9-10**

**CLOSING ACTIVITY**

**Have Big letters A-C-T-S Posted on the Walls**

**Read some different prayers on small index cards. Ask children to post them on the appropriate letter. See if Children understand what you have just taught.**

**CLOSE IN PRAYER**