



How did campers grow?

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How did you grow in your Faith at camp?

- I've always been scared in church to talk aloud but two times of worship really helped me and **I'm excited to share with my family** (age 10)
- I was **kind to others** & respect
- I learned every time we took a **breath it is a prayer** (10)
- I felt like I grew closer to God at Vespers.
- I was I the skit Ruth 1 and I learned about that story
- I learned to **understand more about the stories** (Bible stories)
- We shared our opinions about Bible Texts and said what they mean
- I feel **more connected to God** then I did before camp.
- I've been going through a really hard time and being at camp **really helped me remember my faith** (13)
- I learned that I **was loved and appreciated by God no matter what or who I am.** (15)
- Camp **Affirmed myself in believing that God loves me no matter what** (16)
- I feel more connected to God and I know I am wonderful made. (16)
- My **connections with new people** helped me grow my connection to God. (16)
- I felt like I grew closer to God during our morning and nighttime vespers also during the fires we had at night.
- Every time I come to camp the people I meet **bring out the best version of myself** and help me get closer to God. This year Allie was a huge reason I grew in my Faith. (18)
- I learned that **there is no one "correct" way to be close to God**, and that God will always love me no matter what.(18)
- I learned it is okay to be into your Faith and grow without judgement of others (17)
- I have **truly found myself at this camp** and it gives me the **strength I need to carry God into my life back home** (18)
- **I actually read the Bible for the 1st time** (17)
- I grew closer to God during Allies speech and mini session (16)
- I feel like because we are all here for one common purpose, we are able to be more connected to God. (16)
- Allie's mini session on "letting go of the past and starting over for the Lord" (18)
- Became closer to God through the community (16)
- Connecting more with God and How important he really is (16)
- Connecting with people on a spiritual level (18)
- Finding a deeper connection with God through the help of others. (16)
- Singing songs as if no one watches (17)
- I learned how to write a prayer with Ally (13)
- **I've become a lot more accepting of others** (13)
- I became **the best version of myself** (13)
- **I felt closer to people here and God** (13)
- **Opening up and praying** (13)



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- When I wrote a prayer with Allie also Allie's talk helped me feel connected to Him (15)
- **There was one time we were all looking at the stars and saw a shooting star and I really felt God and thought he was with me.** (15)
- How to pray more often, go to church more often (11)
- **I felt more comfortable praying** (10)
- By praying every day and singing about God. (11)
- I opened up to new people and tried new things (12)
- I grew to speak to new people and not be shy! (12)
- At vespers I really grew closer with God through scripture and praying (11)
- I liked vespers... they really grew my faith with all the prayers and singing (11)
- I grew in faith by God by learning the meaning of that's not my name. (11)
- By knowing all God did for us (11)
- **I grew faith in camp by reading the Bible in camp everyday** (11)
- Yes, by talking or doing something with God this week (12)
- I grew in my faith by doing vespers (9)
- During 9 in the air I let everyone in front of me in line. (6)
- I felt close to God when we sang (7)
- Yes, **because of praying and other stuff too** (9)
- By making new friends (9)
- At vespers they would put on a skit of a Bible verse.(9)
- I love making friends (8)
- We all had fun together We had so much fun (10)
- I didn't know Naomi changed her name to Mara (adult)
- I always feel close to God at camp (adult)
- **I find my faith is strongest when I'm outdoors in a natural setting.** (adult)
- Learned the Zacchaeus and Ruth stories (7)
- Just being with my grand is special
- Reinforced stories about Moses, Zacchaeus, Ruth and Naomi
- **After a scary, stormy second night, it was good to know that the Lord had watched over our group and provided us with the ability to stay at camp safely while problem solving to make camp a continued wonderful experience for the participants.** (adult)
- I think just being together in community is growth in my faith. (adult)

How have you grown or changed because of camp?

- I came on my own but I'm not leaving that way.
- I feel like **I have grown to be more responsible** (13)
- **I've met people who are different than me that I've never seen before.** (11)
- I've made a lot of new people and wasn't really embarrassed (12)
- I learned how to make friends (8)



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- I was **making a lot of friends** (many campers)
- I am better at making friends (7)
- I made a new friend (7)
- I have **learned to respect other people**
- **I used to be scared to go away from my mommy and I was scared to kayak and now I love it.** (11)
- I am more aware. I was raised to believe you couldn't be gay and loved by Christ. I now know otherwise. (13)
- **I feel like I can be myself in front of people** (13)
- I've learned so much about how to be a better person from other campers and counselors (13)
- Every time I come, **I feel myself slowly becoming more comfortable and aware of who I am**
- I have **become more patient** and can talk to people better (13)
- **I feel nicer** (14)
- **I feel more sure of myself and am sure to practice more self-care** when I get home (15)
- I have learned about all types of different people
- I became more open and talkative (15)
- I've **grown more comfortable with being myself.** (16)
- I have **become more helpful and kind** because of camp (16)
- **I feel more confident**, more connected to my faith and more **prepared to be true to myself** (16)
- I have become closer to new friends and God
- I have **learned to accept myself** more because of this community (18)
- **I've figured out my purpose in the world and learned I am accepted** (17)
- Camp makes me realize that parts of myself that I don't like. It helps me realize the growth I need to make to better myself. (18)
- **More confidence (18) (17)**
- It makes me realize what true friendship and fellowship is (16)
- Being closer to God (16)
- Grew in my Faith and my Friendships (16)
- Its shown me its okay to be me and take this me home (17)
- **Good Sportsmanship** (17)
- Camp has helped me learn that **no matter what life may throw at you, God is always on your side.** (18)
- I've become who I am today entirely because of my experiences at this camp. (17)
- By making new friends and being unconditionally kind (16)
- Camp has taught me to **act more in God's image and be more kind** (18)
- **I become my best self here and it's a good reminder for home** (16)
- I have learned a lot and gained many new friends (17)
- It is easier to counsel with prayer (17)
- **I've learned to not take things so seriously** (16)



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- It made me realize how close to God one can truly get, and because of it It's a second home. (16)
- **I learned about who I am as a person and who I want to be** (18)
- I'm more myself when I'm at camp (16)
- **I felt a closer sense of God's Presence.** (18)
- I have grown in my Faith. **These people constantly show me how special having a deep relationship with Lord is.** I strive to grow my relationship. (18)
- **Become more self aware** (16)
- I have grown more as a person and a follower of Jesus/God (16)
- Became a better person when surrounded by better people (17)
- Its shaped me into the person I am. (17)
- Camp helped me grow closer to God and it makes me what to keep growing closer (16)
- **I've gotten to know a lot of new kinds of people and get different perspectives.** (16)
- Became **more confidence in myself and my abilities** (16)
- So **involve God in everything** (17)
- I learned that I still struggle with joining in and self love. I wouldn't allow myself to join in at vespers. (13)
- I've gotten **better at certain sports.** (14)
- I've **grown to be kinder to others no matter their age, gender, and many other things** (13)
- I realized **God can help me get through everything** (14)
- I learned that **I don't have to act different and just be yourself** (13)
- I learned how to be more open (13)
- I learned a lot about myself and God (13)
- I have become more individual (13)
- **I'm more positive** because I feel so close to **God and made friends who love me for who I am.** (13)
- I've been made more open (13)
- I have **learned new things about God that change the way I see the world** (13)
- Camp has taught me so many things and I'm so thankful for this camp (13)
- I have grown in my Faith and myself because I am closer to God and met my real friends (15)
- It changes you, camp brings out the best in all of us. (15)
- Close to God and good at Gaga ball (13)
- **Close to God and better at soccer** (14)
- My faith grew stronger (15)
- I became closer in faith (14)
- Camp brings me close to God and helps me believe more (13)
- I learned I felt God (14)
- **It has truly shaped who I really am because camp is a safe place.** (14)
- I have become a more faithful person (15)
- I feel **more comfortable bring alone without parents** (10)



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- I changed because I **grew more empathy** than I ever knew I could before (11)
- I've come closer to God (10)
- I have made new friends and gotten better at new things (12)
- **I've changed my helpfulness** (12)
- I grew in my faith at vespers (10)
- **I wrote a prayer** (9)
- I think that camp strengthened my relationship with God (11)
- I feel closer to God (11)
- **I wasn't as shy and I grew to not be shy!** (10)
- I have grown my faith in God at Vespers (11)
- **I have become more connect to God** (12)
- I have become closer to God (12) (10)
- I have changed by knowing the thing God does for us (11)
- I have grown I camp by being closer to God (11)
- I learned that its all part of God's plan (11)
- **I learned new sports (7)**
- **I learned how to play baseball and I grew a tooth. (7)**
- My friends have helped me grow.96)
- I learned new games and new things (9)
- **I feel closer to Jesus (7)**
- I met new friends
- By singing songs at vespers (8)
- **Praying (9)**
- By making new friends (9)
- **I learned more about tools and hard work (16)**
- It has shown me camp is fun and not boring (9)
- Making new friends (8)
- **Practiced patience (adult)**
- Helped to remember what is to have many helping through faith especially in similar place in life (adult)
- **Listening skills (adult)**
- I learned to be a better person (10)
- We love how all the kids regardless of their age are kind, respectful, and engage in all the activities. Good (and bad) behavior and attitudes are contagious, and the love and energy at Grands camp makes everyone joyful. (adult)
- **I have seen my granddaughter think through situations that cause her consternation and try to come up with solutions that work not only for herself but for others. (adult)**
- **Grandchildren learned to work together to reach a goal. (adult)**
- **cooperation!** We certainly experienced that when we were without electricity! (adult)