

All The Feelings

Thursday is another big day for the camp. The kids and campers get to make final decisions on their activities in the morning. Do I want to go to Imagination Station, go fishing at the lake or make something in woodworking? When it's lunchtime, the activity centers are closing up for the week.

It was also a BIG afternoon. It was Royal Tea Party day. The girls got to dress up in their "Say Yes To The Dress" dress picked from the day before, wearing tiaras and bows. After such a special tea party, the girls got to top it off with swimming. The boys got to swim first and then they got to participate in "Dude Royal". The boys got to participate in playing 9-Square, Basketball and a special Bazooka Ball event for the first time ever at camp. It was great!

Be praying for the kids as they start to think about going back home on Friday. Some of the kids have already started to act out and we just need to pray for them. Ask the Lord for a good night's rest and for a good return to their homes.

Pray also for the counselors and staff as tomorrow can be a very emotional day. We will covet your prayers.

Thankful for a great week of offering hope to these kids. They have found their way to our hearts!

Here's a great story from our scribe:

Elias was having a hard time moving between events at camp. Enter our B-Mod pro, Mikea, onto the scene. "Hey, buddy, are you doing ok?" Instead of an answer, Elias asked, "What do you do at camp?" Mikea explained how she helped campers talk about their feelings. "Can you make a feelings chart with me?" Elias wanted to know. "Of course! I'll come by at rest time and we'll do that together."

Elias, however, was inspired. As soon as he could locate a piece of paper and some markers, he created his own feelings chart. He found Mikea and proudly showed it to her. He produced a tool complete with "anger", "sadness", "happy", and "scared", including facial expressions for each label. "You can use it with campers, if you want to," Elias offered.

Incredibly, as Mikea was studying the paper, young Ashton approached and pointed to "sad", saying, "That's how I'm feeling right now." A whole conversation opened up between the two about everything from camp friends to family dynamics.

Mikea plans to laminate her new resource. She wrapped up her session with Elias with this thought, "You know, Elias, by working on yourself, you've helped many others at camp!"

Blessings everyone!

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