

Camp Firelight

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Camp Firelight: Snapshot



[Camp Firelight](#) is one of Building Faith's top picks for VBS for 2024. It is a fun curriculum that kids will love. Its theme is summer camp, and its main message centers on Psalm 56:3, which says, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" (CEB). The curriculum masterfully incorporates this message into all of its activities and skits. It is dynamic, creative, and flexible with many activity and storytelling options. The curriculum also includes clear lists of supplies and directions for each activity. While the kit can be intimidating, it gives leaders plenty of options to make a memorable VBS program.

Camp Firelight: The Basics

- **Theme:** “A Summer Camp Adventure with God”
- **Publisher:** Cokesbury, coming March 2024 (United Methodist Church)
- **Intended ages/grades:** grades pre-K – 5
- **Format:** onsite
- **Number of sessions:** 5
- **Types of activities:** music, drama, storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science
- **Starter kit cost:** \$199.99

Camp Firelight: Scope & Sequence

- **Day 1: Trust God to Go with Us!**
Genesis 28:10–22, God Goes with Jacob
- **Day 2: Trust God to Lead the Way!**
Ruth 1, Ruth Chooses to Go
- **Day 3: Trust God to Share Wisdom!**
Luke 2:41–52, Young Jesus Shares Wisdom
- **Day 4: Trust God to Give Us Peace!**
Mark 4:35–41, Jesus Calms the Storm
- **Day 5: Trust God to Spark Joy!**
Acts 8:26–40, The Good News Sparks Joy

Camp Firelight: Where It Shines

Immersive theme

The summer camp theme creates a fun and creative approach to diving into Psalm 56:3. The camp element is present in all of the activities offered without losing sight of the message of God's presence in everything we do and everywhere we go.

Easy plug and play content

The starter kit includes a wide variety of materials making it easy for leaders to dive into the camp quickly, along with providing easy access to the digital copies. The printed materials also conveniently fit into a box kit making transportation easy.

Dynamic activities

The curriculum offers a diverse array of activities to help kids engage with the Bible story, including fun science experiments and theme-related manipulatives.

Camp Firelight: What We Miss

More affordable overall cost

If you wanted to have the “full” Camp Firelight experience with posters, banners, take-home items, and all the other items in the Cokesbury VBS shop, it could add up very quickly and be cost-prohibitive for some communities. All of the items are not mandatory to implement this curriculum, however.

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Overall
Assessment**

**Curriculum
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