

## **Is My Child Ready For Camp?**

Hey parents of current 1st - 5th graders! We know what you're thinking: I want my child to be able to go to camp, but I'm not sure they are ready. Should I send them? Please review some of the questions and information below to determine if camp is a good fit for your child this year. We would also love to answer any of your questions personally; the best way to do that is email us at [Ronda.parin@believerschurch.org](mailto:Ronda.parin@believerschurch.org) and one of our staff team members will be glad to help walk you through it.

### **Has your child ever spent the night away from you? If so, what was their experience?**

Often the most difficult part of camp is bedtime for kids because they miss their families. If your child has successfully spent the night away from you, camp could be a great option for them! If you've had to pick up your child from overnight stays, or they simply refuse to be away from you for the evening, camp may not be the best option for them this summer.

### **Is your child able to (with guidance) maintain daily hygiene?**

The Word of Life staff team along with our camp chaperones are all well trained and equipped to help kids navigate daily tasks (brushing teeth, putting on deodorant), but are not able to help kids shower or get dressed. If your child needs significant assistance in this area, camp may not be a great option for them this summer.

### **Can your child follow simple instructions and expectations set by you or other adults?**

While kids are well supervised at camp, we like to give them opportunities to grow in their ability to navigate tasks independently. This may mean telling kids they have "15 minutes to be ready to leave for breakfast" or expecting them to make sure they have their closed toed shoes on every day for recreation time. We always happily assist kids as much as they need it, however if your child is not used to this level of self-sufficiency, they may find camp to be overwhelming.