

Ahoy! Children's Summer Camp was The Voyage of Discovery

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Our whole camp was voyage-themed, with the children in three teams, or should I say 'crews', in the lovely 'ship' that is Cleeve House. We learned many new things, with a unique daily theme each day to guide us. Through learning in study sessions, we found out about the 'Compass, True North', that is our conscience. This year the motto for the Children's Summer camp was 'The Voyage of Discovery'.



We became a 'Band of Sailors' through our time spent together on a hike across the countryside (with a treasure hunt) and by playing sports games with each other (including a very fun water fight). With 'X Marks the Spot' we discovered that the true treasure of our voyage was the friendships we made and strengthened during the camp. We also had a prayer night around the fire, giving each child an opportunity to pray in their crews and connect with God to learn about the 'Wind in our Sails' that keeps us inspired.

The loyalty, wisdom and courage of the participants was tested on family night, when each crew created and performed a short skit, with some children giving solo performances. And finally, with 'Land Ahoy!' the children were encouraged to take what they learned on this voyage back home into their daily lives.



Here are some examples of what the children said they took from the summer camp:

"(I learned that) the conscience tries to lead you to True North which is the righteous path"

"Our team leaders were great and I made loads of friends"

"It was good we had the prayer night to connect to God"

"(Family night) was good we came last – we tried out best so it is OK"

"I liked talking to God"

(An answer to 'what did you like best/least') "I liked getting wet the most and leaving the least"

In the end it was a very successful Children's Summer Camp and the staff hope to have even more participants next year, including returning veterans of Summer Camp and newcomers!

