

## Peulat Shabbat Eikev

Step 1- Meet at the tennis courts!

Step 2- Read the story about G-d. Only one counselor will have the story.

Step 3- Split up into the following groups.

Step 4- Have the G-d talk. Use the following write-up that Machon used for their G-d talk last week:

The G-d Talk...

### General Questions about Quotes:

- How do you interpret this quote?
- How does your view differ from this quote?
- If you agree/disagree, why? What parts do you agree/disagree with?

### Group 1 Quotes

“Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

“Never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder, and he gave it to me.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

“The beginning of our happiness lies in the understanding that life without wonder is not worth living.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.”

--Albert Einstein

### Questions for group 1:

- When do you feel most connected to G-d?
- How do you perceive G-d?
- Does your perception of G-d change when you are at camp vs at home?

**Group 2 quotes**

“Human beings should be held accountable. Leave God alone. He has enough problems.”

-Elie Wiesel

“I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been closer to him for that reason.”

-Elie Wiesel

“Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”

-Abraham Lincoln

**Questions for Group 2**

- When bad things happen, do you still believe in G-d? If so, how? If not, why?
- If you do believe in G-d in bad situations, how can we explain how bad things happen?

**Group 3 of quotes:**

“Prayer begins where our power ends.”

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

“Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living.”

-Abraham Joshua Heschel

“The primary purpose of prayer is not to make requests. The primary purpose is to praise, to sing, to chant. Because the essence of prayer is a song, and man cannot live without a song.”

-Abraham Joshua Heschel

**Questions for Group 3:**

- Is prayer a time when you connect to G-d?
- Do you feel a personal connection to G-d when we pray at camp?
- Do you feel a stronger connection to G-d when we sing or during silent parts of tefilot?