

Join Peulat Shabbat with Machon Helpers

Date of the peulah: 8/6/11

Planners: Daniel Blas, Dory Fox Peulah Type(peulat erev, peulat tzrif, etc) : Peulat Shabbat for amitzim, voced, and machon

Length of Peulah: 35 minutes

Staff present: (Too many: yes) (needed more: no) circle the best answer

Goals of the Peulah

1. initiate interaction between amitzim, machon, and voced-ers
2. learn about the parsha in a funf way
3. give machon helpers a chance to lead an activity for their peers and amitzim-ers

Materials needed for peulah:

Index cards

markers

optional: clip art images of challah, matzah, Shabbat candles, menorah, and havdalah candle

Program explanation (include order of activities, any preparations before it starts, Jewish content piece, etc.)

All of Machon, Amitzim, and VocEd split into three groups, rotating between three stations which were led by 2 or 3 machon helpers. The machon helpers found it easiest to split the group at a specific station into smaller groups, all doing that station's activity concurrently. The stations were:

1. go around in a circle, saying your name and acting out an action of something you like to do on Shabbat
2. a memory game, matching images of Jewish objects to their brachot (blessings)—SEE BELOW. The connection to the parsha (devarim) was that mozes is recounting all the stories of the Jewish people, and telling them to remember what happened.
3. conversation starters: each machon helper had a piece of the paper with the following written on it:

Machon Helpers Guide to Facilitating Conversation

Goal: initiate conversation between campers using some of the trigger questions below

What is your favorite place in camp?

What is your favorite meal in camp?

What is your favorite Jewish holiday?

What is your favorite part of tefliot?

Other questions: name, where you're from, number of siblings, hobbies, etc.

Was the program a success? Give 2-3 reasons why!

1. the kids seemed to enjoy themselves, but it was hard to control such a large number of people
2. the machon helpers loves being leaders, but the other machoners felt like they weren't doing much beyond the simple, superficial get to know you games
3. machoners overall had a fun time spending time with amitzim

What are some ways you could improve the peulah? What would you change for next time?

1. have the staff members present be more active in facilitating moving the campers from station to station
2. modify the activities to be more involved. Consider having the activities take place standing up or including a portion of the activity to where you move around.
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