

5:20-6:20 Peulat Shabbat Courage 6/23

\*Each camper should come with a bandana or t shirt that they can use as a blindfold. Counselors should make sure their campers all come prepared.

5:20-5:30

Introduction (Tito): have the kids put on their blindfold. Each counselor taps 5 or 6 campers from different spots and takes their hand and brings them over to their group spot.

Group: Explain to the campers that today we will be discussing the trait courage. Ask the following questions and call on different campers for answers. Listed Below each question are examples of the types of responses you are looking for.

Questions to ask:

What does courage mean? 5:30-5:35

1. doing the right thing even if its difficult
2. Facing your fears with confidence-being brave

Which is courageous and which is foolish? 5:35-5:45

1. Fighting or walking away from a fight
2. Doing something dangerous that others are doing or not participating
3. Teasing/Bullying or standing up for someone who is being mistreated
4. Blaming others for your mistakes or standing up for someone who is being mistreated
5. Ignoring other kids you don't know at camp or trying to talk to them and make new friends
6. Quitting when things get tough or working hard, even when it is difficult

Relating to the Parscha: 5:45-5:55

-What is one fear that you came in to this summer with?

-Have you conquered it? How?

\*Read this excerpt from Torat Ramah:

The parscha this week is Mattot. Can anyone give a brief synopsis of what happened in Mattot? (After a kid gives a synopsis) After receiving the order from God, Moshe sends the twelve tribal armies to war with Pinhas as their commanding officer. Why didn't Moshe name Elazar, The kohan Gadol, as the commanding officer? Rashi says that Pinhas got the job because he is the one who started the revenge against Midian when he killed Kozbi bat Tzur at the end of Parashat Balak. Because Pinhas started the commanded revenge, God wanted him to be the one who would finish it. This teaches us an important lesson, we have to finish what we start. Starting something and leaving it unfinished can be just as bad as not doing it at all.

-If you haven't conquered your fear yet, you must finish what you t you came into this summer to accomplish. How can you do this tonight?

5:55-6:05 Each group leader will have the kids put on their blindfolds and trust walk them to the lower migrash. Stress that this should be done without talking. If your group is done early, you can play with your kids saying like "duck down there is a branch" then bring them to meet the rest of the edah in a circle, help them and guide them to get there. Don't let them take their blindfolds off until the counselor leading the closing comments says to do so.

6:05-6:15 (as an edah): Tito leads

Materials: One sheet of paper, small book

- Show campers the piece of paper and ask them if there is any way the paper can hold up the book, using only one hand to hold the paper

Answer (which will be revealed by Tito at the end):

- Take the paper and roll it tightly into a tube
- hold the tube in one hand and carefully place the book on the open end of the tube
- The paper at first is flimsy, weak, and easy to crumb/fold
  - This might be compared to some people who are faced with a problem or obstacle
    - They may lack the courage to overcome/take on the problem or stand up to opposition
    - But with determination we can turn our weaknesses into strengths
- Just as the paper can be rolled into a sturdy tube, we can work to add muscle to our weaknesses if we have the courage to carry through.

**6:15-6:20 Closing comment (Tito):** It takes courage to do the right thing. Stand up for what's right even if you stand alone. If you haven't conquered your fear yet, find a way to do so this last night.