Devotion Zone
Each camper receives a passport during Opening Celebration that includes a daily Morning Devotion. The devotion helps the camper learn the value of spending personal time in prayer with God every day and starts them thinking about the day’s theme. Right after breakfast each day, you (the Group Leader) will supervise your campers as they work on their devotions independently. We recommend that you do this in the same place you choose for your Worship Response time (see below).

Bible Study
Your children will be divided into Green and Red Bible Study Groups based on their age (Green: 3rd & 4th graders and Red: 5th & 6th graders) with campers from other places. This will allow for new group dynamics and fresh perspectives. Bible Study Groups are divided by age to allow for a more developmentally specific learning environment. Campers should bring a Bible with them to camp—any translation is fine. Our staff will use the Common English Bible (CEB) in Bible Study and Worship. We will have a few extra Bibles available in each Bible Study Group.

Adult Devotion & The Daily Grind
The Adult Devotion and Daily Grind are designed to give you and your chaperones the information needed for the day as well as a coffee break to relax and mingle with other adults and the PASSPORTkids Program Staff.

Sixth Sense
Third-fifth grade campers are required to return to lodging after lunch for a brief rest time. Sixth Grade campers are our “seniors,” whether they’ve just finished elementary school or just begun middle school, and we want to celebrate that accomplishment with them. During the other campers’ rest time, our Pastor and Worship Coordinator will lead the Sixth Graders in special activities on Days 2 and 3. The events are designed for fun, discipleship, and peer support. Please note that Sixth Sense is only for those who have completed sixth grade.

Camper’s Choice
At Check-In, campers will sign up for elective activities that will occur in the morning and afternoon of Days 2 and 3 (Three opportunities—two on Day 2 and one on Day 3). Activities are divided by Bible Study Group colors (Green: 3rd & 4th graders and Red: 5th & 6th graders). They have the freedom to choose a different activity every day or stick with a favorite. Activities include such things as basketball, soccer, dance, crafts, video crew, indoor games, and worship arts, and more. In addition, every camper will participate in a mission education rotation led by Passport staffers on Day 3.

At the beginning of each Camper’s Choice time, everyone reports to the Camp Checkpoint where there are flags that match the Bible Study Group colors. Signs will direct campers to the appropriate activity.
**Worship**

Worship includes a variety of age-appropriate, creative and multi-sensory elements ranging in style from liturgical to celebrative. Campers will be led at varying times to move interpretively to music and to observe moments of stillness. Reflecting the theme and Bible verse for each day, worship will help integrate the camper’s experiences throughout the day. While the brief sermon each evening will challenge campers to take action as followers of Jesus Christ, the utmost of care will be practiced to avoid manipulating or coercing any child. Our purpose and prayer is to provide a truly meaningful worship experience that will lead your campers to respond in appropriate ways (see Worship Response below).

We will be looking for help from the campers in several areas: processions, prayers, scripture readings, dance, and worship arts. Dances and processions are rehearsed during Camper’s Choice, while other worship leaders are recruited during Bible Study. All campers participating in Worship leadership gather for a Worship Preparation meeting 30 minutes prior to Worship.

Every year, we publish a Worship Packet, a resource available for you to preorder at registration or purchase from the Passport online store. The packet includes materials that you are welcome to use at your church after camp.

**Worship Response**

Each night, Worship will build toward a time of response. Campers will dismiss from Worship in their church groups for this response time, which you will facilitate for your group. The response time has a threefold purpose: 1) to allow you to help campers debrief and interpret what they have experienced that day in morning devotion, Bible study, the day’s activities, and worship, according to the traditions and perspectives of your faith community; 2) to place the campers in a familiar, safe context for individually and collectively asking questions, considering choices, and making decisions; 3) to empower you in the long-term relationship you will have with your campers as they grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

This spring, we will send you the Worship Response Guide that will help you connect your discussion to the biblical and worship focus of the day. You may use the guide as a springboard, or facilitate the response time with your own plan and purposes. In either case, we want you to use your creative instincts and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Most groups like to gather outdoors for Worship Response, but you may request an indoor location at Check-In. We do ask that you not meet in the Theater (worship space) so that staff can set up for the next event.

**Variety Show Screening**

Campers who wish to participate in the Variety Show must attend this screening during Day 2 Free Time. Group Leaders must sign up your campers for a specific time slot (sign-ups are during Check-In and Day 2 Daily Grind). The purpose of the screening is to be certain that every presentation is appropriate for camp, to ensure that the same song or skit is not duplicated, and to gauge the amount of time for each act. Camper(s) must be completely rehearsed and prepared before arriving at camp. For the screening, campers must have all materials, including any costumes and props they will use for their presentation. When selecting acts, preference is given to:

- Acts involving multiple campers for maximum inclusion;
- Older campers for whom this is the last year at PASSPORT kids;
- Theme-related acts;
- Representation by as many churches as possible.
Songs may be limited to one verse and chorus. What type of acts work well in the Variety Show? Skits that are funny, in good taste, and well-rehearsed are always HUGE hits. Juggling, magic, gymnastics, dance, puppetry, and so on offer novelty and fun. Brief instrumental pieces are popular. We will have an electronic keyboard, but campers must bring any other instruments. Unrehearsed acts or improvisation comedy will not be permitted.

**Bedtime Devotions**
Bedtime Devotions will be available in April and are written to help campers “wind down” the day reflecting on what they have learned and finish the way they have begun—by spending time with God in prayer. The ideal is for campers to be in bed for the devotions, ready to go to sleep. The guide is easy to follow and requires only that the adult read directly from the pages. Like the Worship Response Guide, use or adapt the devotion guide as you please, or feel free to substitute a devotion of your own. You may want to recommend to the adults you have designated as Devotion leaders that they bring a reading light or flashlight so that overhead lights may be turned off. Devotion leaders may also choose to bring a small portable music player to play soothing music.

**Adult Volunteers**
The Adult Chaperones who accompany our PASSPORTkids campers are extremely important to us. We recognize the sacrifice these adults make to help provide a positive summer ministry experience for the children of your faith community. From the beginning of PASSPORTkids our Adult Chaperones have made it clear that they want to be part of the ministry that is happening at camp. For that reason, we have built into our program volunteer roles for many of our activities. We depend on these volunteers to help provide the safety and attention campers need. Here is an overview of the volunteer positions:

**Bible Study Assistants**: assigned to help one Bible Study Group during Bible Study for the entire camp session. Please remember that for every 10 campers you bring, we need you to provide **1 adult to serve as a Bible Study Assistant**. Please be prepared to give us their name(s) when you check in at camp. **Note: The Group Leader should not volunteer for this position, because you will need to hear the announcements made during Daily Grind and convey them to your other chaperones.**

**Camper’s Choice Assistants**: assists the staff or chaperone leader for the hour-long activities. There are indoor and outdoor assistant opportunities.

**Rec Party Assistants**: helps set up equipment, monitors one of the Rec Party events, tallies the scores, and helps take down equipment when this Night 1 Party ends.

**Night Market Assistants**: helps set up the Night Market, assists with some of the games and activities, and helps take down the Night 2 Party when it ends.

The only volunteers we need you to recruit prior to camp are the Bible Study Assistants. Other volunteers will be recruited and given instructions at camp. We also ask that everyone pitch in with cleanup after all activities. We hope you and your chaperones will sense our appreciation as we seek to minister to you, too!
### Camp Schedule

#### Day 1 (Opening Day)

- **12-2 p.m.** Camp Check-In (Pool Open!)
- **2:00** Camper Free Time
- **3:00** Opening Celebration
- **4:00** Bible Study Groups
  - Adult Meeting & Devotion
- **5:00** Dinner
- **6:30** Worship & Response
- **8:00** Rec Party
- **9:00** Return to Lodging: Showers, Bedtime Devotions (led by chaperones)
- **10:00** Bedtime/Lights Out

#### Day 2

- **7:45 a.m.** Breakfast
- **8:30** Devotion Zone
- **9:00** Morning Celebration
- **9:30** Bible Study
  - Adult Meeting & Devotion
- **10:45** Camper’s Choice
- **12:00** Lunch
- **12:15** Store open (30 minutes only)
- **12:45** Rest Time
  - Sixth Sense (6th graders only)
- **1:45** Camper’s Choice
- **3:00** Free Time (with options)
- **5:00** Dinner
- **6:00** Worship Preparation
- **6:30** Worship & Response
- **8:00** Variety Show
- **9:00** Return to Lodging, Devotions
- **10:00** Bedtime/Lights Out

#### Day 3

- **7:45 a.m.** Breakfast
- **8:30** Devotion Zone
- **9:00** Morning Celebration
- **9:30** Bible Study
  - Adult Meeting & Devotion
- **10:45** Camper’s Choice
- **12:00** Lunch
- **12:15** Store open (30 minutes only)
- **12:45** Rest Time
  - Sixth Sense (6th graders only)
- **1:45** Camper’s Choice
- **3:00** Free Time (with options)
- **5:00** Dinner
- **6:00** Worship Preparation
- **6:30** Worship & Response
- **8:00** Variety Show
- **9:00** Return to Lodging, Devotions
- **10:00** Bedtime/Lights Out

#### Day 4 (Closing Day)

- **7:45 a.m.** Breakfast
- **8:30** Devotion Zone
- **9:00** Morning Celebration
- **9:30** Camper Bible Study
  - Adult Evaluation
- **10:30** Closing Worship
- **11:30** Departure

For a detailed explanation of each programming event, click here.