

Sunday School Camp 2025 Testimonies (10-13 December 2025)

Camp Master's Report (Timothy Cher, 22)

GALILEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMP 10-13 December 2025 Theme: Created for a Purpose, Called to Serve

All glory to God for yet another successful Sunday School Camp! I thank the Lord for giving me strength and assurance to take up the Camp Master role this year, and for showing Himself faithful from the initial planning to the actual execution; truly, He guided every outcome. I am grateful for a capable and united committee who each played a part in the smooth running of the camp. I thank God for my Assistant Camp Master, Bro Hymn Ong, who also served as a mentor and patiently showed me the ropes throughout, and for our Camp Treasurer, Sis Lee Jo Yee, who likewise mentored while stewarding the finances carefully. I would like to thank God for an excellent group of mentors - Bro Colin Chung, Bro Geoffery Heng, Sis Kaitlyn Lim & Sis Angeline Valencia, who constantly went above and beyond to meet the needs of the campers. Throughout the camp, they personally got to know each camper, assisted the campers in the washing of dishes, led the campers in devotions and discussions, and spoke to the campers regarding their salvation. Their willingness to serve was evident in many unseen sacrifices. I also thank God for the kitchen team led by I/C Aunty Christine Chua and coordinator Aunty Evangeline Sim, whose lovingly prepared meals were well received, with many campers returning for seconds and even thirds. For the Children's Camp, I am thankful for the committee led by Aunty Ah Eng and Sis Diana Chan, whose faithful work supported our younger campers aged 5 to 8. I further appreciate the counsel of our camp advisor, Rev David Cher, and our camp counsellor, Aunty Lee May San, for their advice and spiritual guidance.

This year's theme came from the book of Ephesians and focused on our identity in Christ and our calling as God's children. Groupings were named after three servants of God—Jim Elliot, Florence Nightingale, and Amy Carmichael—and campers learned how each persevered through hardship in service to the Lord. We were blessed with 3 speakers: Rev Joseph Tee for the seniors aged 12 to 18, Ms Kathrina Grace Yap for the juniors aged 9 to 11, and Ms Hannah Yeo for the children aged 5 to 8. We had a total of 40 campers, with 28 in the main camp and 12 in the children's camp. Throughout the week, mentors intentionally spoke one-to-one with every main camper to check in on life, clarify questions, and assure them of salvation from Scripture. By the end of camp, we observed encouraging changes as many campers became more open in sharing, participated more readily, and grew in loving one another. I would like to commit each camper to prayer, asking the Lord to reveal Himself to them and to deepen their assurance and love for Christ day by day.

I would like to also thank the programme I/Cs for the planning and execution of the activities throughout the camp. Bro Matthew Tan and team for the outing to Sentosa, Sis Kaitlyn Lim & Sis Hannah Dass for the Spirit of Giving activity, Bro John Heng for the night activity in church and Bro Jordan Wong, Sis Glenda Ooi, & Sis Tanya Lee for emceeding and leading in singspiration for Campfire night.

This year's Spirit of Giving took a different form: rather than ministering door to door in the neighbourhood, our campers served seniors from St Luke's ElderCare at a Christmas party they organised, which included song items, a retelling of the Christmas story, and camper-run game booths. It was heartening to see the campers step out of their comfort zones, diligently learn the story, and engage the elderly with warmth. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those who attended and bring to remembrance the truths they heard.

All in all, this camp would not have been possible without God's presence and guidance. I thank Him for granting the committee and campers good health and safety throughout, for the surge in sign-ups, and for the generous contributions of food and drinks for Campfire Night and the meals during camp. I am thankful for the memories formed and the bonds strengthened, and I pray these relationships will draw us closer together as we serve our almighty God. Sunday School Camp has long been a highlight of my own journey growing up in church, and with the same joy and dependence I commit next year's camp and all future camps into God's hands, asking Him to lead and guide us according to His perfect will. All glory be to God!

Group Elliot

Colin Chung, 25 (Mentor)

God is sovereign

Sunday School Camp has always held a special place in my heart, because it was the first time someone shared the gospel and prayed the sinner's prayer with me, during the camp in 2011. 14 years later, I have the immense privilege to be serving God again at camp! To be honest, I had absolutely no plans to be at Sunday school camp this year because I thought I would have already started work after graduating in July 2025. However, in God's sovereign plan, I still did not have a full time job in December - which meant that I was able to help out at camp and I am grateful to God for this opportunity! :)

God sustains

Being at camp was extremely tiring, our days as mentors often started at 7am in the morning and ended past midnight as we had our daily debrief and prayer. Typically, I would not be able to survive the next day without sufficient rest, but at camp, all the mentors were able to fulfill our duties despite insufficient rest - this is all because of God's extraordinary grace which sustains and strengthens us. More often than we realise, God provides the strength that keeps us going each day no matter how tired we are. He empowers us to run the programmes daily and to take care of the children. He gives strength to the children daily so that they can enjoy the activities and messages daily.

God provides

Thank God for all the Aunties and Uncles who cooked our meals daily! The food we had each day was amazing and it is an incredible blessing to be able to enjoy home-cooked food at camp! Thank God for everyone who contributed for the pot blessing on campfire night! Just before camp started, we had only a few contributions for pot blessings and we were figuring out what to order,

but as the days went by, we received more and more contributions to a point where we had too much food for pot blessings and had to keep the leftovers for consumption the next day! How amazing is God's provision? Thank God also for sponsors who lovingly sponsored pizzas and mc donalds for the campers on the last day of camp! Besides the food, God has also provided all the help and logistics required at camp. We never lacked anything at camp because God is our provider!

God is worthy to be praised

This was the first Sunday school camp whereby there was 1 event everyday which did not go according to what we had planned. On day 1, the campers were supposed to enjoy a treasure adventure around Sentosa, but God sent the rain and we had to stay under shelter at one location to play games. Nevertheless, it was a fun time for the campers as they managed to play more games since the time set aside for travelling around sentosa could be used for games now. On day 2, our Spirit of Giving activity was supposed to end at 5pm, but we were almost done at 3.30pm, leaving us with more than an hour of free time. We decided to let the campers play a few games of captain's ball - a game which we never expected to play at camp because there was insufficient time - but God provided us the time and pretty good weather for captain's ball! I'm really happy to see the campers enjoying the unplanned captain's ball!

On day 3, it was pouring since noon and many of us were praying for good weather in the evening so that we could experience campfire night out at the carpark. However, the rain got heavier in the afternoon and we had to conduct the campfire programme in the fellowship hall in the end. Many of the campers were disappointed, but we thank God that Geoffrey was still able to start the fire outside so that the campers can still enjoy the view of the blazing fire from the comfort of their seats indoors. On day 4 of camp, we realised that there was a mistake in the timetable, resulting in only 15 minutes being allocated for breakfast instead of the usual 1 hour. However, we also received news that one of the speakers would be late so in the end the timings matched! Praise God! Even though we had to make last minute adjustments to the timings of the programmes for that day, I thank God that the camp still managed to end on time as planned!

All these unexpected events at camp really reminded me of Job. A crucial question arising from the early chapters of Job is this: Is God Himself worthy of worship for who He is and not what He gives? To put into context for our camp, is God Himself worthy of our praise when He sends the rain during our outdoor activity? Is God Himself worthy of our praise when our programmes do not go according to our plans? Is God Himself worthy of our praise when He did not hold back the rain on campfire night? Our answers ought to be a resounding "Yes"! Oftentimes we thank God only when things go according to our plans, but these incidents at camp reminded me that it is God's plan that matters most, not ours.

God is worthy to be served

It has been a huge privilege to serve God at camp, interacting with the campers and fellowshiping with like-minded mentors. This year's camp theme was "Created for a purpose, called to serve", we were reminded of how God has called us in His love, and we ought to respond in service to Him. It has been a really tiring camp for the whole camp committee, partially because there were

so few of us serving at camp. I was deeply encouraged by a fellow mentor who took leave from work just so that she could be present to serve at camp. To the readers, I hope that you would sincerely pray about using some of your leaves for Sunday school camp 2026. I can assure you that serving God at Sunday school camp would bring you far greater joy and blessings than going for holiday/work! God willing, I hope that I will be able to take leave from work to come back and serve again in 2026. In addition, I look forward to a Sunday school camp committee which will not be predominantly youths - but a committee made up of members across all ages - because there is much we can learn from older adults in service!

Lee Jo Yee, 20 (Mentor)

All glory be to God for blessing Galilee Sunday School Camp 2025 in many ways. I am thankful that this year, I am able to serve God as the Camp Treasurer and as a mentor for Group Elliot.

I thank God for my fellow mentors, whose advice and guidance have allowed me to better minister and reach out to the campers. I also thank God for the unwavering support and constant encouragement from other church members throughout the months of planning and the four days of camp. It is heartening to know that at the end of the day, we are always able to come together to build each other up in Christ as we serve together on this committee.

I thank God that, as a mentor, I was encouraged as I witnessed many young campers embolden themselves to share the Christmas Story with our neighbours in Pandan Gardens and bring them around the Fellowship Hall for different game stations despite being of a young age. I am also glad that camp has brought every member of Group Elliot closer together through the activities and meal times. It is my prayer that the friendships that every camper has forged will continue to blossom beyond the four days at camp.

From the past few months of planning to the end of camp on the 13th of December, God has shown what a faithful Father He is and how He hears our prayers. From the surge in sign-ups to the overflow of contributions for the pot blessing on Campfire Night, the Lord has shown His faithfulness. I distinctly remember how worried I was that there would not be enough contributions for the pot blessing on Campfire Night. However, God heard our prayers and blessed us abundantly with more than sufficient food for the campers, the committee members and the parents! I thank God for the aunties in church who have stepped forward to give generously when approached, and Jiejie Annabel Teo, who has very kindly helped me approach many church members for contributions.

As we conclude Sunday School Camp 2025, I thank God for blessing us with the theme of the camp, which calls upon us to walk in a manner worthy of God's calling as we strive to become more like Christ.

Jo Claire Mok, 16 (IC)

To be frank, when I found out that my mum had signed me up for Sunday School Camp again, I was annoyed and wondered why she wanted to send me for something that would 100% land me in a role where my main purpose was to babysit kids. I thought that it would be a waste of time

and a hindrance to my schedule. 4D3N of yelling at kids and sleeping on the floor sounded very uninviting to me – one that I have lived through each year. However, I still showed up anyway to honour the commitment.

This year, I enjoyed my time with my group immensely. I feel like God (and the mentors) had backed us up every time we needed help, and the kids reminded me that life doesn't have to be that serious; they taught me to laugh, to be patient and to accept camp as it is. Instead of being the waste of time I thought it would be, camp turned out to be the rest I needed, away from social media, away from grief and a reminder to focus on my walk with God.

Megan Sek, 13 (2IC)

Hello. Thank you, whoever you are, for reading this. Please do not judge me, thank you.

Honestly, I think the most memorable thing at camp is washing the dishes, but not because everything else isn't nice. The camp was very fun, and I really enjoyed all of the activities, so thank you, everyone, for planning everything. I just remember washing the dishes because Jeremiah and Tabitha were yelling at each other for spraying water on the other person. It was really funny. Anyway, I also remember the guards during the second night activity, which was very fun. Thank you, Sis Kaitlyn, for designing our camp T-shirt. I love it, it's so nice! Also, I learnt a lot about different people this year:

- God and Jesus from Rev Joseph: The message was really fun as there were many games, and Rev Joseph was a really good speaker. Please invite him back to speak again.
- Sis Angeline is from Batam. Bro Hymn has a funny Chinese name. Sis Kaitlyn likes art, and Sis Jo Yee is very nice.
- Girls got a lot of problems one eh...whereas the guys just talked, then play brawl stars 太好笑了

Thank you, Bro Timothy, for being the camp master. Did you notice Jeremiah in the cupboard box again? Thank you, Bro John, for the guards during the night activity.

I write more for Bro Hymn. Thank you for being Bro Hymn. I don't know what else, cos I didn't really talk to you that much. Thank you, Sis Kaitlyn, Sis Angeline and Sis Jo Yee for talking with us till 1.15 a.m. 爱你们! Thank you, Bro Colin and Sis Jo Yee, for being our group mentors! Thank you, Bro Geoffrey, for fixing Tan Xin's feet. Hope she's okay!

From Megan, 谢谢大家 God Bless!

Jeremiah Ng, 12

The most memorable activity for me was bonding with the mentors. I learnt that everyone matters and that God has perfect plans for all of us. Living as a missionary is not easy, and we should pray for them. I felt the Holy Spirit and cried, but it was not sad tears. I felt assured knowing that God has a plan for me and that God's plan is perfect.

Jarron Tan, 11

The most memorable activity would be the night activity on Thursday, 11 December 2025. It was a mix of fear and excitement, and I really enjoyed the puzzles.

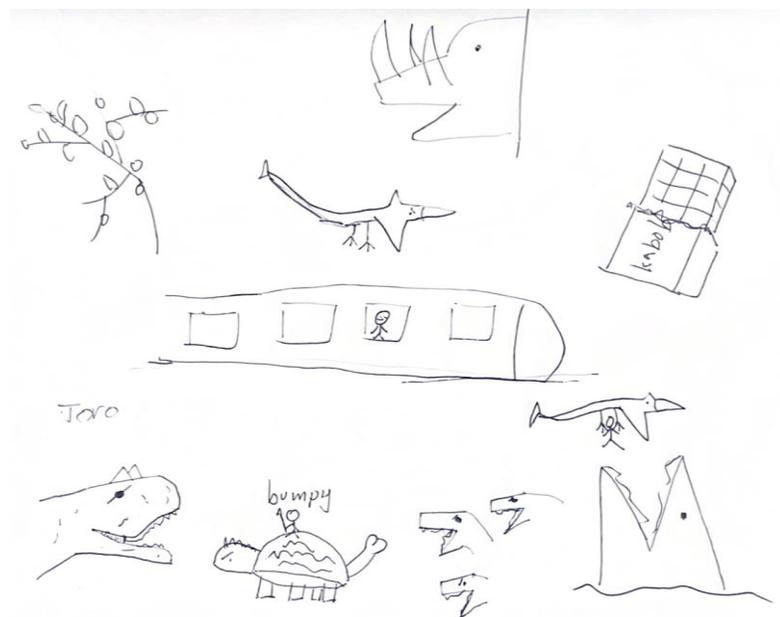
I also really enjoyed preparing for the campfire, even though it ended up indoors.

I learned about the seven marks of a Child of God (F.L.I.P.T.O.P.) and that God had planned for us before He even created anything.

Clariss Ng Shi Yi, 10

I thank God for letting me arrive at the camp safely. My favourite part of the day was going back to the dorm at night because I got to bond with my friends inside the dorm, and we had a lot of fun. It struck me while playing the activities that, although I have probably played most of the games before, I had a lot more fun here at camp than when at home. When I listened to the messages Sis Kathrina spoke about, it felt familiar but different. I am not sure why I felt that way.

I enjoyed solving the different challenges during 'Called to Serve', but it was very surprising when many 'persecutors' burst through a door.



Renzo Lam, 10

The most memorable activities were the campfire, the preparation for the campfire (whereby we had to prepare for a skit on Jim Elliot's story), and 'Called to Serve'.

The activity that struck me the most was 'Called to Serve' because we were in the middle of reciting a bible verse when Bro Geoffrey came in, dressed weirdly like a ninja, and started shouting at us.

The most impactful learning point for me was the first message. This is because I never knew that God Christ Jesus knew all our names and had us in mind before the foundation of the world. Singspiration was also impactful because we learned songs and memorised bible verses. Today (13 December) was 1 John 1:17.

I felt God talk to me during camp when I was in the dorm with my dorm mates. I missed my family since it was my first time sleeping by myself. However, God stayed by my side while I slept.

Something memorable I learnt was the seven marks of a Child of God:

Follow

Light

Imitate

Pure

Thoughtful

Obedient

Pleases (God)

Jaden Chew, 10

I enjoyed the day two night activity as I could do a fun activity with my friends.

I learned that we should live a life of hope and love.

Tiffany Grace Ang, 9

The most memorable activity was the night activity ('Called to Serve') because it was fun and funny. The 'persecutors' had tried to kill us, but Jesus saved us. I learnt that Jesus will always protect us.

I learnt about the five truths and that God had chosen us.

Throughout camp, I felt bored, happy and tired.

The messages challenged me to do something about my life. I want to become a better person. I will try to make more friends and talk to them.

Group Carmichael

Geoffrey Heng, 22 (Mentor)

Sunday School camp felt extremely different this year. I've been attending Sunday school camp for years; every year, there would be familiar and new faces. However, this year was the first time for many things. From things like rain that pushed us indoors during the campfire. Nevertheless, I'm very thankful I was a part of this year's camp, especially since I entered national service in May.

I'm thankful for God's provision by providing a strong co-mentor, Sis Angeline, IC Vanessa, and 2IC Isaiah. I feel like this year has been filled with distractions for me. I was so worried that I would fall behind, mainly because I took leave from camp to join another camp.

I feel like this year I was really reminded to wait upon the Lord, especially when it came to the campfire. As the rain poured, I prayed, "Lord, please let the children have fun." But when the rain didn't stop, and the plan was to move it inside, I got worried as the kids were starting to get worried. However, 10 mins before we started, the rain became a light drizzle, meaning the fire would still burn for a while. We then moved the wood and stuff out, and as the kids watched, it went up in flames. 5 mins later, the rain stopped :) and I could tend to the fire without any fear of kids getting too close.

I really enjoyed this year, though I was sleep-deprived. My biggest prayer for all the kids after this camp would be to hunger for God and to really remember the gospel and the examples of all the missionaries, both foreign and domestic.

Angeline Valencia, 21 (Mentor)

We all want the seed of truth to bear the fruit of the Spirit. But do we even know the right way to plant the seed? Are we aware of the quality of the soil, the amount of sunlight it needs, and whether we water it enough?

As a first-time mentor at this camp, my biggest worry was this: *Can I really plant the seed of truth in these kids?* Kids come to camp to learn the truth of the gospel and have their faith strengthened, so I kept asking myself: how can I, as a mentor, help them get to know Christ and the gospel? What I came to realise was this: **to plant the seed well, I first needed to get to know each and every one of them.**

These kids all come from different backgrounds. They have different personalities, different needs, and different ways of thinking. They are also on different journeys of faith. Some kids have heard about Jesus since they were born. Some have only recently met Him. And some are still unsure who God even is. So we need to meet them where they are. Getting to know them personally for who they are became my favourite part of being their mentor. :) When you talk with them, listen to them, and give them space to open up, you start to see something clearly: **most of them want to be good.** They want to be kind. They want to be obedient. But sometimes... they don't know how. They're wrestling with anger, stubbornness, and emotions they don't fully

understand yet. And shouldn't we, as adults, understand this the most? If it's hard for us to fight our own flesh and sin sometimes, imagine how much harder it is for kids and how much more patience they need from us.

Kids are just kids. They're still learning how to be a teammate, how to learn from mistakes, how to apologise, how to forgive... and how to have fun along the way. But too often, people dismiss them simply because they're "just kids." And I think that's part of the problem. When adults don't listen or try to understand them, why would kids learn to do the same? Kids won't listen unless things make sense to them. Why is being stubborn wrong? Why must anger be controlled? Why should we stop shouting at each other? Why must we walk in love with one another? We need to help them make sense of these things first, so they can process the truth. And kids learn best by following examples. So if we want them to learn, we have to show them what it looks like: *what does a child of God look like? What does it mean to follow Jesus? How is being a Christian different? What does living with purpose look like?* **We can't just tell them the answers. We have to guide them to think.**

Trust the kids. They're smarter than we think. Faith isn't always an easy topic, but if we guide them patiently, they can follow. So many of them showed real change in such a short time. They began to recognise their weaknesses and mistakes and sincerely tried to do better. In a way, they're very honest. We just need to believe in them and encourage them. To help the seed grow, we have to prepare good soil, make sure there is enough sunlight, and keep watering what's been planted.

By the end of camp, I was so proud to see these kids bearing different kinds of the fruit of the Spirit. They learned how to control their anger better, they stopped hitting each other, and they became more obedient and kinder. And especially my ICs, they grew so much in patience and responsibility. I couldn't be prouder of them. These kids have grown to be more Christlike.

In the end, we plant the seed, but God helps these kids bear the fruit. The growth we saw wasn't just behavioural change; it was the Holy Spirit working in them. I'm beyond grateful to have served in this camp, and I'm so humbled and blessed to witness how much these kids have grown in just a few days. And honestly, I'm here to learn as much as they are.

Soli Deo gloria. :)

Vanessa Kee, 14 (IC)

The most memorable activity was when I was in charge of the skit preparation and felt stressed, but ended up winning. Furthermore, the activities throughout camp struck me the most when I realised that everyone had different strengths and weaknesses.

The most impactful learning point for me was adapting to handle my fellow groupmates during the activities, along with hearing their personal stories. It boosted my confidence in my role as an IC as it showed me how comfortable they became with me in the span of a few days.

God spoke to me by making me the IC in my group, giving me the opportunity to learn how to be patient with the kids who are younger than me.

The message also changed my perception of God. Previously, I thought that we all had to do something so that God would love us more. However, Pastor Joseph changed it and helped me to understand that God's love is given by God alone; there is nothing we can do to change His love for us.

I also learnt how God died for our sins before we were even born, which changed my previous understanding that baptism saved us and we were forgiven after baptism. I felt relieved/happy after knowing that God has already forgiven all of us, even though we did nothing to deserve it.

Pastor Joseph's message made me challenge myself to read the bible more so that I can understand God/Jesus better.

Isaiah Tan, 12 (2IC)

I learnt that God makes people unique and different so that we can serve him. God helped me to open up during the HTHT activity. Another thing that struck me was that even though the situation does not seem good, such as bad weather, God will still give us other opportunities to have fun and worship him.

The messages challenged me to spread the gospel, and I feel inspired when listening to the message. Furthermore, I learnt that God has a way to use my weaknesses. Previously, I thought that being shorter was bad, but God works in his own ways to use that to serve him.

I really enjoyed the bonding sessions with the mentors during the HTHT. I also enjoyed the impromptu captain's ball, along with my role in the campfire skit. The food for breakfast, lunch and dinner was also great. However, one thing that I learned was that I preferred the previous format of door-to-door SOG.

Tay Qi En, 14

I really liked playing my role in the skit; it made me think of the kidnapper's mindset as I played the kidnapper's minion. I also really liked acting during the campfire and playing around on stage, and we also won best skit!

I learnt that we can honour God when we praise him.

Cathlyn Ng, 13

My most memorable activities were the night activity on the second day, as we got to learn about the missionaries in an interesting way. Planning for the campfire skit also struck me when I realised we were having fun with each other while learning.

My thinking has changed, where I now know that God loves me greatly despite all of my sins. I felt happy because I was continuously learning about God while having fun. The pastor was really funny and interesting.

However, I didn't really like the camp grouping as I didn't really know anyone in my group. I was also kind of disappointed when we didn't get to play water games.

I learned that we bless God because we are blessed to be a blessing to bless others.

Jo Callie Mok, 11

I feel that it was really exciting. (what I feel about camp)

Frog... & heart-to-heart talk (Experiences) Explanation: because I can now understand people better.

I learnt that God's strength is strong. He gives us many chances. He's slow to get angry. His love is unlimited.



Tan Xin, 11

Firstly, I want to start off with thanking all the older brothers, sisters, aunties and uncles who worked hard to make this camp happen from the activities to the camp t-shirt designs. Thank you so much for taking your time to plan this year's SS camp. Even though due to the weather we were unable to have wet games this year, I still had a lot of fun at this year's SS camp, and I especially enjoyed the night activity as this involved some exciting activities and a memorable activity in the camp. During the Spirit of Giving, we invited 80 seniors from the active ageing centre and held some game stalls. The seniors looked very happy, and I enjoyed engaging with them. One senior shared that nowadays people put in little effort to talk to them, and she was very happy

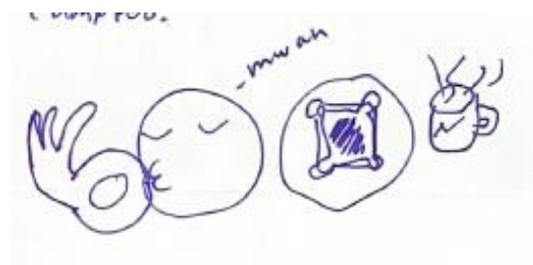
to talk to us. I feel that God was trying to tell me to not stay in my circle of friends and make the effort to talk to others that are new to Christianity. I look forward to SS camp 2026!

Daniel Cher, 11



Emily Thong, 9

I FEEL HAPPY because I have my friends here, and I'm also happy because of the activities. One of the activities is the blindfold; the blindfold activity was the most fun. The blindfold is a mask we put on to cover our eyes. I like this activity the most because we got to stack Jenga blocks, and it's about teamwork. The message I hear the most is calling and about me trying to be more obedient, and I love the food as it's soooooo delicious. The meal I love the most is all the breakfast like is the nutella and one with milo just yum! The campfire was also one of my favourite parts of the camp.



Jadon Tan, 9

My most memorable activities were going to Sentosa and playing there, because I had not gone to Sentosa in a long time.

When I first came, I had doubts about the shower and sleeping here, but they were really good.

Learning about Amy Carmichael was very impactful because of her perseverance.

I feel God was trying to tell me about missionaries and their stories.

I feel a bit nicer and kinder after listening to the messages.

The message told me to persevere and push on.

Clara Seah, 9

I feel happy because I think the activities are fun.

Learning about God makes me feel more comfortable about myself.

My favourite activity is campfire because I get to act and learn about Amy Carmichael's story

I feel like the HTHT is very fun because we can spend time together. And we can talk about feelings.

I pray to God for friends, and it came true.

Group Nightingale

Hymn Ong, 23 (Mentor)

I praise God that I am able to serve in Sunday School camp for one more year! Truly, every year I see God's grace and spirit at work in the camp, helping the committee to get through each day despite our fatigue. This year's camp was a breath of fresh air, where we were able to welcome many new campers, as well as many new helpers as well. I think this year's camp theme resonated with many of the campers. Camp attendance was similar to past years, with a large number of younger junior campers and fewer senior campers. This led us to face many challenges and changes, where many of us mentors had to adapt to the younger demographic, with younger ICs and 2ICs. Nevertheless, they did a great job in helping to balance fun and discipline, not needing the mentors to step in often. They also matured greatly throughout the camp, growing into their roles to serve, which fit into the theme of the camp.

My favourite part of the camp was sitting in for the message on the senior side and helping to facilitate the discussion. Reverend Joseph Tee did an excellent job of communicating the main theme of the camp to the senior campers. Despite the lower numbers of older campers, with the majority of the senior campers being only 12, he managed to pass on the point of the message each day to them. He could break down difficult theological concepts such as election and predestination, and distill something that the campers could learn from, without going too much into detail. I was encouraged by many of the senior campers, having realised what their responsibility was as Christians. This responsibility was emphasised through a more complete understanding of their salvation, being saved by grace through faith, instead of through works and what they can do.

I think that this camp served as a good reminder for some of the mentors, as well as why we serve. Most of the mentors have been serving in one way or another in the church, and some of us might have felt drained and started to see our service more as work to be completed instead of a way to glorify God. It was refreshing to be reminded of why we entered service in the first place, and I pray that this renewal continues to remind us of the right attitude and posture towards service.

Overall, I thank God for 1 more year of a successful camp! I thank God for working through the planning committee so that we would be able to show God's love to the campers. I pray that the campers would continue to hold this experience in their hearts and remember the lessons that they learnt in their daily lives, to be the salt and light in the world.

Kaitlyn Lim, 23 (Mentor)

It's been a blessing to be at camp for yet another year! Camp has always been a familiar rite of passage for a lot of us Galileans, a few days to restart and get our walk right with God, away from parents and with friends.

The junior campers learnt how and why God chose us, showcasing that it's because we were saved by grace and His love for us that we are able to commune with Him. This internal

transformation then reflects externally through not only in service but also in how we live out our lives for God. Messages were rather wordy for the campers (of the age) to absorb and internalise, which meant that mentors had to do quick summaries during the limited discussion time.

I thank God for a rather successful Spirit of Giving and for JieJie Hannah for working alongside me over the past few months and linking up with St Luke for such an event to take place. Praise God for the 80+ seniors who signed up for the event despite having to limit it to 60+ seniors to not overwhelm the campers. The campers were equipped with conversation starters and the infamous Christmas story (parents, do test your children!) to aid in interactions with the seniors the following day. Placing myself into the camper's shoes, I'm reminded of my struggles in connecting with my grandparents, knowing that some campers may share this struggle, I did not know what to expect from the actual programme, but believing that God would give the campers courage and that children are adaptable. We started the activity early, as the seniors were all early, so the campers had time to interact with the seniors even before the programme started. Seeing them chatter made my heart very warm. Afterwards, campers would introduce games in booths around the fellowship hall to the seniors, some of them even stuck with their elders and brought them around to play the games. I could tell the campers struggled with the language barrier, but they powered through their chapalang Mandarin-English to communicate but it was very heartening to see campers still cheering and encouraging the seniors as they played the games. I think the campers continually amaze me with their zeal and energy, and I give all props to them that the activity went so smoothly. Although we ended much earlier than expected, I hope the seniors and campers enjoyed the games and interaction and more importantly, that the seed of the good news has been planted by these young sowers!

Just a few days before camp started, the committee was still planning the post-campfire activity, bouncing between the usual yearly reflections or something different, like just talking about our lives and interacting with them. I thank Angeline for connecting with the campers with such ease on the first day, allowing campers to share about their lives openly. Children these days face more things than we could ever imagine, thanks to the exposure from social media. We were encouraged to go ahead with the sharing of personal stories with the campers for HTHT, and I think the campers benefited from the sharing. From humanising the mentors as jiebies trying to navigate through life too, to the girls just sharing how they would react to similar situations, I think we all, regardless of age, learnt insight from each other.

Younger campers that we met when we first started running camp have generally all grown up and started taking charge of their own group, which was definitely a sight to remember. To my ICs, Amith and Olivia, you have done a great job in leading and organising your group. Thank you for being such capable ICs that your mentors are at ease to let you guide on your own. Hope you learnt a thing or two organising the little chaos in the group. To my co-mentor, Hymn, thank you for tanking the devotions in the morning.

I thank God for an encouraging and supportive committee eager to do camp right. I think the past few years for me, camp has been a responsibility, where I would put aside time and leave to serve alongside friends and reconnect with them, but I think I miss out on the actual meaning of camp. Being so engrossed with getting camp up and running in with limited time and manpower, shouldn't camp be about the campers? To nurture campers and steer them in the godly way, setting foundations and touching their hearts at this young age. Reflecting on this, I see that each

year the committee takes on double roles, stretching all of us rather thin while balancing other commitments like school or work. I struggle to connect with the campers intentionally since my time with them is rather limited, needing to prepare for the next activity. Looking back on my camping days, I ask myself why it seemed like it was manageable, but truly, the manpower driving the camp does make a difference.

To the campers, hope you enjoyed camp and learnt a thing or two. To next year's committee (if there's even a camp), remember that it's all about God and the campers, don't forget that.

Amith Saji, 16 (IC)

My most memorable activity was the HTHT activity; we enjoyed bonding, socialising and also getting inspiration from our male mentors.

The most impactful learning point from the activities was when I realised that we are saved by God's grace through our faith and not by doing good or anything else.

I felt like God gave me the extra strength to be patient with everybody, especially towards my own group members. Most of them were children, and sometimes it was a challenge to keep my cool, but thankfully, I was able to be a patient IC.

Olivia Kee, 12 (2IC)

My most memorable activities were the HTHT and "Called to Serve"

HTHT

It was a really meaningful and touching activity as we set aside time to really express our feelings and troubles to the group and mentors. Like, it's honestly refreshing to really have time to sit down and talk to someone who could have gone through the same situation in life. And I am really touched that no one judged me when I was sharing my story, and supported me instead, offering solutions and more. 😊

Called

to

Serve

This activity was engaging => I really had fun running from the "bad person" in the activity. Puzzles were not easy, but understandable and not that difficult. I really liked working to find solutions with my groupmates. I also learnt how hard it was to stick to your faith in times of hardship, and yes.



What struck me most during my activities was

- How fortunate I am to be able to be Christian in Singapore
 - I think I am fortunate to be able to openly say that I believe in Christ without getting outcast in society or being jailed 😞 In the older days, when missionaries went out of their way to spread the gospel, most of them got killed because the other party

was not willing to believe the truth. Perhaps nowadays there are some countries that punish anyone who believes that God is real :|

- How hard people work to spread the gospel
 - During the morning devotions and “Called to Serve”, I learnt that there are so many missionaries who work tirelessly to spread the gospel, like Mr Lim on the video we saw when we were in “jail” during “Called to Serve”. He has to manage about 15-20 houses at a time, and often travels to serve God. During morning devotions, I recall that we learnt the story of Jim Elliot, who tried to reach out to an isolated tribe, but died 😞 So I’m really thankful for people who try and help to expand God’s Kingdom 😊

I feel like I matured during this camp as I got to be 2IC in a group of younger people. But after listening to the messages, I realised that I must love like how God loves, meaning that my belief is not just a belief, but extends into my actions. The messages were really nice to listen to. Although sometimes I get upset with my younger groupmates, I try to remember the message about how we should care and love one another 😊

I indeed felt very intrigued by the messages, as the message sounded interesting to listen to. I also felt like the messages were very memorable and beautiful! 😊

Jo Cara Mok, 12

I really enjoyed the impromptu Captain's ball, as it was really fun and physically active. I learnt that there actually are people without any friends during the HTHT activity, and that I should try to help them make friends. I also learnt that teamwork is important during the Captain's ball, where we need to work together to score.

While listening to the messages, I try to remember what Rev Joseph says, like grace from God and that we are saved to serve. It helps me to reflect that God saved us with his grace, but it does not mean that we do not do anything with our faith.

Joshua Tan, 11

‘Called To Serve’ was my favourite activity as we had to keep our bible so they didn't take it. We had to run around the church and solve puzzles to unlock the ending.

‘Spirit of Giving’ was where we got to interact with people way older than us. We got to teach them some games so that they could win some prizes.

Camp challenges me to hear the gospel. I got to learn more about God’s words, especially grace, it’s something we don’t deserve! Discussions helped me to understand the messages, as I felt it was kind of dry as she was talking, and nothing much. I started writing notes to help me concentrate.

Tay Ho En, 10

My favourite activity was 'Called To Serve' as we had to keep our Bibles safe so that they wouldn't steal it and solve puzzles and math equations. It required a bit of teamwork, and Joshua gave his bible to the terrorist.

I learnt about God's grace, how God chose us before the foundation of the world and how to grow in God's love and be designed to serve. The only thing that has changed about me after listening to the messages is my thinking. The messages challenge me to do something in life. It challenged me to listen and read the Bible.

Other than that, I enjoyed the food!

Zephaniah Tan, 9

My favourite activity is 'Called To Serve' because it was fun.

When I came to camp, I didn't think the food would be nice, but it was very very super good!

I learned that to get to heaven, you must have faith in Jesus.

Chloe Sek, 8

There were a lot of activities during camp. I liked playing captain's ball because it was fun! When we learnt the Christmas story during Spirit of Giving, we got to share it with the old people the next day. I like 'Treasure Adventure' too because we could get out of church and go to Sentosa.

I learnt the marks of a Child of God (FLIP TOP): **F**ollow, **L**ight, **I**mitate, **P**ure, **T**houghtful, **O**bedient, **P**leases (God). That God chose you and God saved you by grace. We are designed to serve; we shine bright for Jesus.