

have had the Olympics and Bond Movies. The worship begins with very upbeat worship music, with keyboard, electric guitars, drums and 2 people on vocals; the words to the songs are on a PowerPoint screen. The evening meetings are led by the leaders, sometimes with help of the Pathfinders.

The Locations this year were: In the Garden with Groundforce, talking about God's Creation; a Beauty Salon; emphasising self-esteem and image; the Crystal Maze, discussing the confused world we live in; the Beach came next, where we brought in the cleansing of the sea, and we discussed The Cross, and acted out a short mime of the Passion. On Tuesday, we were at a Party discussing The Fruits of the Spirit; then came The Fitness Centre, the bible and prayer keeping us spiritually fit. On Thursday it was a Theme Park, talking about the ups and downs, life being like a Roller-coaster. On Friday we arrived at Fawltly Towers Hotel: is our Christian Life a visit with short term or long term effects? So every evening meeting had a clear theme. During meetings there were some very amusing sketches and games, all with a message.

At the end of the day we have our Dorm time, with a Bible passage, followed by discussion and prayer time. The children are encouraged to pray openly, and they do, they come out with some amazing stuff and obviously feel really safe. I am always amazed at what they understand; it is truly a very moving experience. Here at Pathfinder Camp they feel able to share, be themselves and get a little closer to God!

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Attending to God: Adding Value to Life

Jesus told his friends that he had come to bring life in all its fullness. In these words they would have recognised the ideals of the Hebrew word 'shalom'. Shalom is often translated as 'peace', but it really means 'well-being in community under God'. It binds together ideas of health and security with relationships, spiritual needs and material justice. Following Christ as his disciples means experiencing this and proclaiming it. We have seen that baptism is a sacrament of change in which water takes on a deeper significance; similarly the Eucharist is a sacrament of added value where bread and wine, gifts of God and work of human hands become something richer.

Following Christ in everyday life means adding value to life, taking ordinary things and seeing them anew in the fullness of Christ's vision. What do we value in life: money, status, wealth, relationships? What does God value in our lives: our authenticity, love for him and for others, and obedience?

Every day we encounter other people. We are relational beings, seeking a relationship with God and with others. Each of us has Christ within us, and Christ is in everyone we meet. Each encounter takes on deeper significance. Seeing Christ in others gives an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work in and through us in that moment. How often do we dwell on the past with regret or nostalgia, and focus on the future with worry? How much time do we spend being alive in the moment, today, now?

The life Jesus brings us is eternal life, and each moment is part of our growth into that timelessness. We can give moments for God; we can share Christ with others. We can follow Christ's 'shalom' in every aspect of life, thereby transforming the ordinariness of everyday living.

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