

# FaithBIT



## Camping with Grandkids

Reflection by Karen Nelson

I know, I know, it's only January, but I'm already starting to think about camping! Yes, it's cold and the ground is somewhat covered with snow, but I get so excited about camping experiences already as I start to plan for the coming year!

One of my very favorite experiences over the course of my life as a child, mother and grandmother has been family camp. I was lucky as a child to spend a family weekend at Camp Vermilion when I was about 5 years old and I treasure the memories. Paul and I were able to experience family camp with our two girls at several churches, and especially remember our family camp weekends with our Immanuel family! The games, the stories, the skits - the connecting and bonding time with other members of Immanuel are some of my very best memories and some of my most profound experiences in sharing God's love with the people I love.



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We were again able to experience family camp a couple of years ago with our granddaughter Savannah - and what a joy that was! She was just 3 ½ years old and one of the most enthusiastic campers in the world! It was so much fun her to camp with us and she wholeheartedly embraced the whole experience learning all of the great camp songs, playing games, eating camp food, sleeping in bunk beds, getting to know other kids. It was wonderful way for us to share God's love with her and keep passing on faith to the next generation. My prayer is of course that she keeps growing in that faith and I know that I will keep sharing my faith and God's love with her. To all grandparents out there, know how important you are to your grandchildren in sharing your faith and God's love with them.