

Shabbat Histaknut/Curiosity
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“A man who asks a question remains a fool for five minutes, but a man who doesn’t ask questions remains a fool for a lifetime”- Talmud

“Decide in your heart of hearts what really excites and challenges you, and start moving your life in that direction. ...”- Chris Hadfield (astronaut who lived aboard the International Space Station for two years, broadcasting his work and daily life on social media, first Canadian in space)

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”- Albert Einstein

“Science is fun. Science is curiosity. We all have natural curiosity. Science is a process of investigating. It's posing questions and coming up with a method. It's delving in.”- Sally Ride (became the first woman in space, physics professor, as a lesbian she is the first known LGBT astronaut)

“I love fools' experiments. I am always making them.”- Charles Darwin

“Every other child would come back from school and be asked, ‘What did you learn today?’ But my mother used to ask: ‘Izzy, did you ask a good question today?’ That made the difference.”- Isador Rabi (successful physicist and Nobel laureate)

Hachanah: 20 questions. Split up into cabins, each counselor thinks of an animal/plant/object/food/etc. Have the kids ask yes or no questions until they figure out each one. Group everyone back together, and start talking about the value of curiosity and asking questions.

While the Hachanah might not have been concretely related to the theme, the kids enjoyed it. Counselors should start out being the one with the “answer” and if time allows for it, campers can also have the “answer.” Would not recommend getting back together and discussing value of curiosity since kids were not able to focus.

Discussion

- Discuss the difference between a hard question and a big question. A hard question is something with a definite answer. A big question is something with multiple correct answers
- Hard question- “is there a heaven?”
- Big question- “What do you think happens when we die? What happens in heaven?”
 - Quotes
 - Questions
- Why is it so important in Judaism to ask so many questions with multiple answers? And how do we accept that?
- how do we recognize that they are all right?
- Why do we ask questions that we can never answer? Ex: “what happens when you die?”
- How does asking big questions make us better people? What do we gain from it?
- Is there a difference between giving something up and sacrificing it?
- What could we sacrifice to repair the world?
- Why do we need to give Tzedakah?
- Who needs our tzedakah?
- How should we give Tzedakah?
- Conclusion
 - Go back to what the Talmud says about being a fool for not asking questions and to “did you ask a good question”
 - Remind them that it is good to ask questions and think about that.

The last 4 questions should have had a bridge to them since most staff and kids were caught off guard by the sudden shift. Those questions were seemingly unrelated to the others. Would recommend creating new ones, to substitute the last 4. The conclusion should just be one question: ask the kids if they learned anything about why it is good to ask questions. Then they should be able to leave afterwards.

Peulat Erev for Shabbat

The Newlywed Game

- Read different pick-up lines to the Eidah.
 - If you were a booger I would pick you
 - Are you a parking ticket? Because you have “fine” written all over you
 - Lets re-arrange the alphabet to put U and I together
 - Are you a magician? Because whenever I look at you, everyone else disappears!
 - I'm not a photographer, but I can picture me and you together.
 - Are you an interior decorator? Because when I saw you, the entire room became beautiful.
 - Are you religious? Because you're the answer to all my prayers.

- Are you a camera? Because every time I look at you, I smile.
- Do you know what my shirt is made of? Boyfriend material.
- There are people who say Disneyland is the happiest place on earth. Apparently, none of them have ever been in your arms.
- Pick 3-5 pairs who know each other well (not necessarily boys with girls) to participate
 - 1 person from each pair must leave the room.
 - The people from the pairs that are still in the room will be asked questions about their partner and will tell the audience their answers.
 - The other people will be called in and asked the same questions about themselves
 - For each question that the partner gets right, that pair will receive one point. No points will be given if the answers don't match.
 - Ask 3-4 per round
- Questions
 - What is your partner's favorite comfort food?
 - What is your partner's favorite breakfast food?
 - What is your favorite building in camp?
 - If your spouse could take one item with them on a stranded island, what would it be?
 - What is your spouse's most irritating habit?
 - What one item of clothing does your spouse wear that you just can't stand?
 - What is your partner's biggest pet peeve?
 - Crumple or Fold their toilet paper?
 - Which hanhalah member is your partner most afraid of?
 - Omanut or nagarut?
 - Nikes or Adidas?
 - What is your partners favorite book in the Harry Potter series?
 - What is your partner's spirit animal?
 - What is your partner's favorite TV show?
 - What does your partner want to be when they grow up?
 - What is your partner's favorite type of movie?
 - What is your partner's pet's name?
 - What is your partner's middle name?
 - What is your partner's favorite High School Musical movie?
 - Hannah Montana or Miley Cyrus?
 - If your partner were a counselor, where would they go on their day off?
 - What would your partner do if they won 1 million dollars?
 - Would your partner rather live in a submarine or an airplane?

We did not use this peulat erev this Shabbat. There was a massive storm and so we had to cancel. Moved this game to the next Shabbat.