



iLove Monday Quiet Time

Interest: So, the day has finally come. You are on your way to camp. Are you excited? You should be. This could be a life-changing week for you. Have you heard about this week's theme? The theme is "iLove," and we are going to learn all about relationships this week. The first thing we are going to think about today is that all of your relationships begin in one place: with YOU! Take a minute to reflect on that.

Look in your Bible at Psalm 139:14. Read this verse and answer the questions.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

What does this verse say about you?

What does that mean to you?

Open up: Examine your heart. What does love mean to you? Do you love pizza, French fries, your dog, music, playing football? Is that the same kind of love you feel for your family and your friends? Stop for a minute now and list some of the things (and people) you love most.

What do you think love means to God? Have you ever thought about how God loves you? Today is all about YOU. In Psalms, you read about how God created you to be the wonderful person you are. That means God loves you with a total, complete, unconditional love. And, because He loves you so much, He also wants you to have a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Is something on your mind that might keep you from listening to God at this time? Maybe you had a fight with your parents. Maybe you are having problems with your friend, or your boyfriend or girlfriend. If so, just give this problem to God right now and let Him take it off your heart, so that you can concentrate fully on your relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Tell God about any of these issues right now. Write them on these blank lines.

If you commit yourself to love Jesus Christ totally, and have a love relationship with Him, the other relationships in your life will flow from that.

Voice your feelings to God in a prayer. Ask God to show you His love and teach you how to love His Son, as well as others this week at camp. Ask God to point out to you relationships you need to work on, to change, to begin or even to end this week. Are any of these relationships with people at camp? Stop and pray for God to show you what you need to do. After you've prayed, write down a few ideas that came to mind of what you can do to reach out to these people this week.

Experience love this week at camp. In order to get the most out of camp this week, spend time today thinking about your relationship with Jesus Christ. Make sure you have a personal relationship with Him as your Savior. If you have any doubts or questions, find one of your counselors and talk with them as soon as possible. Enjoy your first day!

