

The transition after camp can be very difficult for some campers. Even after a week-long session, they have connected with others, grown in their faith and been challenged by new ideas. They will need help understanding and applying the lessons they have learned. As a parent, play a vital role in this process. Here are some ideas to consider.

- * Allow your child time to process. Do not expect to get all the answers to your questions right away. It takes campers time to understand and apply their experience. Be patient with them.

- * Plan time to communicate about their experience at HoneyRock. Ask your child for an hour or two to spend talking with you. Do this within the first week and a half of returning home. This will allow you to focus on your child and allow them uninterrupted time to share their stories.

- * Ask questions about what they learned, not what they did. The easy stories to tell are the ones that deal with what your student saw, ate, or did. The hard but more meaningful interaction encourages your student to tell you what they learned and how they changed. Ask how they saw God at work.

Questions to ask:

- * What did you learn about yourself?

- * What did you see God do in and through you?

- * What applications did you make from the Bible studies?

- * How did you see God at work? How did He intervene? Answer prayer? Show His faithfulness?

- * What is your plan for staying connected to God?

- * How has this experience changed your idea about at home, at school, at youth group?

Your encouragement will take their camp experience to the next level.