

Youth Group Report 2024-2025

This past year has been a time of meaningful connection, laughter, and growth for our youth group. I have really seen the group grow closer, more confident, and more invested in each other's lives.

We start each night by sharing our highlights and lowlights of the week. This has become the most consistent tradition of our group. We also had fun answering silly icebreaker questions like, "What

mythical creature would you want as a pet?" or "What's the best fast food?" These moments sparked laughter and helped us learn more about each other in unexpected ways. Taking some time to update and share with each other about our lives has brought us closer together and I have really seen the space become more open and safer for everyone this year. It's been encouraging to watch people become more comfortable sharing and genuinely engaging with each other's lives.

Some of our most memorable evenings of Term 3 in 2024 were spent around the fire pit - roasting marshmallows, telling stories, and enjoying the warmth of our little community. Food played a big role in our gatherings. We've shared many chicken nuggets, pizzas, ice creams and candy (especially Michael's endless stash of White Rabbit sweets). Other highlights this term included Mario Kart tournaments, one-word storytelling games, volleyball matches, and Jackbox party games.

As summer approached, we took full advantage of the warmer weather and spent more time outdoors. We played football, walked down to eastern beach, saw the blood moon and made a big fruit salad with everyone's favourite fruit. A new activity emerged this term too 'Joseph's Jeopardy Nights'. These quiz-show-style games quickly became a



favourite, appearing in nearly every term's program. They were fun way to learn and laugh together.

2025 began with a visit from a YWAM team who shared their inspiring stories and experiences with us. We kept up with the outdoor fun with games like tag rugby, sardines, ultimate frisbee, and more football. We wrapped up the term with a big scavenger hunt and a cozy night of s'mores around the campfire—just as autumn began to set in.

As winter arrived, we moved indoors again, playing lots of board games like Articulate, Chameleon, and Taboo, and enjoying quiz nights featuring Family Feud, Jeopardy, and a particularly memorable Kahoot that Michael put a lot of effort into creating for us.

I can see that over the course of the year the youth group has grown into quite a strong, connected group and although the future of youth group is uncertain, I am sure that there have been some lifelong friendships forged from these nights.

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