

Kickoff to Adventure

Connecting to the Topic

- How would you define the word “adventure”?

Surviving the Adventure

Directions

1. Individually read the information describing the situation.
2. Rank the items in the first list alone, without asking for help from your group.
3. Once you and the others in your group have completed the first part alone, join together and use the second list to reach a consensus on the best ranking for each item.

The Situation

Your group has become lost in Minnesota in a wilderness area made up of thick woods near many lakes and streams. Nobody knows you are there. The snow depth ranges from just above the ankles to knee deep. The temperature is 25 degrees in the daytime and -40 degrees at night. There is plenty of dead wood and twigs in the immediate area. You are dressed in clothing appropriate for city wear—suits, pants, street shoes, and overcoats.

Your group has eight items. You need to rank these items according to their importance to your survival, starting with 1 for the most important and ending with 8 for the least important.

Complete this ranking on your own.

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| __ball of steel wool | __hand ax |
| __family-size chocolate bar
(1 per person) | __can of shortening |
| __compass | __cigarette lighter
(without fluid) |
| __extra shirt and pants for
each survivor | __a quart of 100-proof whiskey |

Now join with the members of your group and discuss your rankings for each item. Then decide, as a group, on one consensus ranking for the importance of each item.

Complete this ranking as a group.

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Two—or More—Are Better Than One

Reflection Questions

Take a few minutes to discuss these questions with another mom in your group.

- You had to figure out the best decision to make in the survival adventure you just experienced. How was this experience similar to what you experience in parenting? How was it different?

- When you have to make parenting decisions, when do you seek advice from other moms? What causes you to determine that you need insights from someone else?

Connecting With God

- Why would a group have a better chance of survival than an individual?

In your group, one mom can read this Bible verse aloud. Then discuss the question below.

Two in a bed warm each other. Alone, you shiver all night. By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the

worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped. (Ecclesiastes 4:11-16, The Message)

Discuss:

- How can being a part of Where Moms Connect help you experience the benefits listed in this verse?

Another mom in the group can read this Bible verse; then discuss the following questions with your group.

Just think—you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that. (1 Corinthians 1:7-9, The Message)

Discuss:

- What promises from God can you see in this passage of Scripture?

- How can these promises become your "survival" gear for your adventures of motherhood?

Connecting to My Life

- Something I've discovered today that I want to remember and apply:

Additional Thoughts on Heading Into Adventure

*An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered.
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- What "inconveniences" in your life could you begin to consider as adventures instead?



