

## **What do we mean by a Spiritual Decision?**

### *What parents should know!*

Spiritual decisions at Sagitawa are normally about a desire for personal forgiveness. Campers asking to attend a church or be baptized are encouraged to speak with their parents about it. While we passively support such decisions, it is not our intention to focus on this as a purpose.

Some campers come to recognize areas in their life where they feel guilty before God and begin to seek His forgiveness. No, they aren't guilty of the kinds of things that many of us think of when we think about sin. But when they measure themselves against God's perfect standard, they may feel bad about a lie told to a parent, or a fight with a sibling. At whatever level a child disobeys is the level at which they can receive forgiveness from God!

When a child understands that Jesus took his/her judgment in order to offer complete forgiveness, he/she may want to pray for forgiveness. It's a simple thing between them and God. Yet it also means that he/she is trusting in Jesus' forgiveness – and this is their faith. As this faith matures, we would hope that the child will make other decisions – such as obedience to God in how they treat parents or friends.

*Please contact us about any concerns you may have about this balance.*