

# SUMMER PARENTING CREED

I believe that summers are  
designed for fun in the sun.  
That spotless floors  
are only a temporary blessing.  
That full refrigerators should be emptied well.

I believe that those well loved  
will laugh contagiously.  
That happy loud voices are ok in open spaces  
and small spaces on occasion.

I believe that swimming is meant to be often.  
That popsicles are best when dripped lavishly.  
That cotton candy at the ball park  
is the reason we go.

I believe that the best conversations  
with my children  
Often occur around bonfires  
And roasted marshmallows taste best  
when you have to blow them out first.

(Not really,  
but someone has to eat the burnt ones.)

I believe that there are times  
when dirt must be ignored  
Because the opportunity  
of making memories often includes  
making messes.

I believe that while summers should contain  
a certain amount of laziness  
Our devotion to God and His Word should not.  
And thankfully, God never takes vacations.