

Olympion

2's & 3's Teacher Guide

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**Let us run with
endurance the race
that is set before
us, looking to
Jesus, the
founder and perfecter
of our faith ...
Hebrews 12:1-2**



Olympion Overview



Meet Olympion's Coaching Team

- **Head Coach**
VBS Director
- **Coach**
Classroom Teacher
- **Assistant Coach**
Classroom Teacher Assistant

What to Expect From Olympion

Children love Olympion; adults love its impact! By God's grace, here's what it will do in the lives of your children:

- ⊙ deepen their knowledge of and love for the Word of God
- ⊙ increase their enthusiasm for memorizing Scripture

Overall Focus and Bible Lesson Truth Summary

Our deep desire is that in tracing the footsteps of godly Joshua and the wandering Israelites, the children encounter God as they see Him revealed in His Word, and understand that He is entirely worthy of their utmost trust and total obedience. As the Bible Lesson Curriculum says, "The Book of Joshua teaches us the necessity of knowing who God is, the character of God as He is defined in the Bible, so that we trust Him wholeheartedly with our lives" (page 3).

Through the Bible lessons the children learn that:

- ⊙ God is faithful. His people can trust and obey Him or listen to their fears and disobey.
- ⊙ God's salvation is for anyone who will flee to Him for refuge.
- ⊙ In His mercy, God has made a way to justly destroy our sin.
- ⊙ Jesus is the Faithful One and the believer's ultimate inheritance.

*May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.*

*May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the vessel
Seeing only Him.*

*From the Hymn
"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"
by Kate Wilkinson*



Biblical Truths at a Glance

Day	Bible Lesson	Daily Bible Reading
Event 1	<p>Fear leads to Disobedience</p> <p><i>Numbers 13:1-14:35, Deuteronomy 1:19-45</i></p> <p>Storyteller: <i>Volly the Vulture</i></p>	<p>Main Theme: God has shown his faithfulness over and over again. His people have to decide whether they will trust and obey Him or listen to their fears and disobey.</p> <p>Exodus 33:7, 9–11</p>
Event 2	<p>Faith leads to Obedience</p> <p><i>Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18; 3:1-5-12</i></p> <p>Storyteller: <i>Jeriah, the Levite</i></p>	<p>Main Theme: God Himself is the One who brought His people into the Promised Land. When God’s people believe that He keeps His promises, they are able to be strong and courageous to obey Him.</p> <p>Numbers 32:11–12</p>
Event 3	<p>God our Refuge</p> <p><i>Joshua 2; 5:13–6:27</i></p> <p>Storyteller: <i>Redeemed Rahab</i></p>	<p>Main Theme: God’s salvation is for anyone who will flee to Him for refuge. He is only One who can save and because He keeps His promises, He will rescue His people and destroy their enemies.</p> <p>Joshua 1:8–9</p>
Event 4	<p>God our Judge</p> <p><i>Joshua 7:1-8:29, Romans 3:23</i></p> <p>Storyteller: <i>Rivka, An Israelite Widow</i></p>	<p>Main Theme: The story of Achan displays God’s holiness, justice, and the seriousness of sin, but also points to the mercy of God in making a way to justly destroy our sin. In Achan’s story, one sinned and many died. In Christ, One died that all who believe on Him might live.</p> <p>Joshua 6:2–5</p>
Event 5	<p>Jesus the Faithful One</p> <p><i>Joshua 14, 23-24</i></p> <p>Storyteller: <i>Joshua, the old faithful leader of Israe</i></p>	<p>Main Theme: Joshua is now an old man whose inheritance of the land point us to our ultimate inheritance through Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Joshua 24:14–15</p>



Olympion Glossary

Learning Olympion's "Sports Talk" is a key part of your preparation for VBS. Using athletic jargon will contribute significantly in creating an atmosphere of fun and adventure for your Athletes! Familiarize yourself with these terms, using them now as you plan for Olympion and, most importantly, during VBS itself.

Arena	<i>Assembly room</i>
Assistant Coach	<i>Classroom teacher assistant</i>
Athlete	<i>Children</i>
Bible Exploration	<i>Daily Bible reading</i>
Coach	<i>Classroom teacher</i>
Course Instructions	<i>Announcements</i>
Daily Closing Ceremony	<i>Daily opening assembly</i>
Daily Opening Ceremony	<i>Daily closing assembly</i>
Head Coach	<i>Director</i>
League	<i>Grade groups:</i>
	<i>A League – Grades 5 and 6</i>
	<i>B League – Grades 3 and 4</i>
	<i>C League – Grades 1 and 2</i>
	<i>D League – 4's-K</i>
	<i>E League – 2's and 3's</i>
Learning Sites	<i>Hands-on activities (2s-K only)</i>
Olympion Finale	<i>Closing program</i>
Race of Life/Race of Faith	<i>Gospel Presentation</i>
Refueling Station	<i>Snack area</i>
Song Coach	<i>Song leader</i>
Training Center	<i>Classroom</i>
Training Log	<i>Student book</i>
Winners' Circle	<i>Small group review and announcements</i>