

Olympion

Director 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



Olympion Portal

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Welcome to Olympion!

Olympion is an incredibly rich and exciting spiritual adventure! Your *Athletes* (students) will:

- ⦿ Encounter profound truths of the Word of God
- ⦿ Have great fun at the same time!
- ⦿ Want to come back every day (and year after year!)

What to Expect from Olympion

Children love Olympion and adults love its impact! By God's grace, here's what it will do in the lives of your children as you teach them to love and worship Jesus:

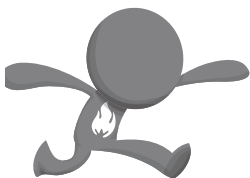
- ⦿ Deepen their knowledge of and love for the Word of God
- ⦿ Increase their enthusiasm for memorizing Scripture
- ⦿ Teach them the gospel and equip them to share it

Overall Focus and Bible Lesson Truth Summary

Olympion's deep biblical content is the heart of this curriculum. Every component of the program centers around the truths in the Bible Lessons to draw the children into a deeper relationship with God through a fuller understanding of these truths.

The Bible Lessons give purpose and meaning to each aspect of Olympion. You'll look at the memory work, daily Bible reading, and songs with new eyes once you've read the Bible Lessons!

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 whole-hearted love, trust, and obedience.



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.

Format

■ **Staff**

By dividing up the activities among different leaders, Olympion's format frees the classroom teachers to focus on getting to know their students and enables them to concentrate on discipling the children under their direct care.

■ **Children's Grade Groups**

Athletes are divided into the following grade-group *Leagues* for age-specific learning and activities:

- A League – Grades 5 & 6 completed
- B League – Grades 3 & 4 completed
- C League – Grades 1 & 2 completed
- D League – 4's through kindergarten completed
- E League – 2's & 3's

■ **Time Frame**

Olympion is designed to be a five-day, three-hours-a-day program, ending with a final closing program celebration. With minor modifications, it can also be used in a variety of other ways.

**"I have chosen the way of truth;
I have set my heart on your laws...
I run in the path of your commands,
for you have set my heart free."**

Psalm 119:30, 32





Olympion Glossary

Olympion's "sports talk," which helps set the atmosphere of fun and adventure for the children, will be introduced and explained as you read through this guide. See page 25 for a full glossary of terms. We encourage you to use them throughout your planning process, while training your staff, and especially throughout the week itself.








Overview Chart

Day	Opening Ceremonies <i>see Arena Assemblies Manual & Gospel Presentation Manual</i>	Daily Bible Reading <i>Reading (see Training Log)</i>	
Event 1	<p>Songs: <i>We Will Run This Race, Hebrews 12:1-2, Be Thou My Vision, Joshua 1:9</i></p> <p>Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victor/Victoria (VBS) introduces self, Olympion games, VBS staff Tim enters the competition VBS and HC introduce missions offering and torch lighting 	<p>Due to a full schedule on this 1st Day's Event, the Gospel Presentation does not begin until the 2nd Day.</p>	<p>Exodus 33:7, 9–11</p>
Event 2	<p>Songs: <i>We Will Run This Race, Hebrews 12:1-2, Mighty, Mighty Strength of the Lord, Be Thou My Vision</i></p> <p>Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tim continues to try to be part of the competition RR still has full backpack 	<p>Gospel Presentation:</p> <div data-bbox="787 653 1203 835"> <p>THE RACE OF LIFE</p> <p>Illustration 1</p> <p>"...God made mankind upright..." Ecclesiastes 7:29 (NIV)</p> <p>In the beginning God made people happy and holy</p>  <p>Illustration 2</p> <p>"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Romans 3:23</p> <p>All people are weighed down by sin</p>  </div>	



Bible Lessons <i>(see Bible lesson curriculum)</i>	Closing Ceremonies <i>(see Arena Assemblies Manual)</i>
<p>Fear leads to Disobedience <i>Numbers 13:1-14:35, Deuteronomy 1:19-45</i> Storyteller: <i>Volly the Vulture</i> 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>Songs: <i>Hebrews 12:1; The Wanderin' Blues, We Will Run This Race</i> Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBS introduces Rodney Roadrunner • RR explains backpack contents
<p>Faith leads to Obedience <i>Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18; 3:1-5-12</i> Storyteller: <i>: Jeriah, the Levite</i> 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>Songs: <i>Joshua 1:9, The Scarlet Cord, We Will Run This Race</i> Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBS interviews RR • Discuss disqualification • RR consider cheating
<p>God our Refuge <i>Joshua 2, 5:13-6:27</i> Storyteller: <i>Redeemed Rahab</i> 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>Songs: <i>Hebrews 12:1-2, The Wanderin' Blues, You Are the Only God</i> Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR continues to look out only for himself
<p>God our Judge <i>Joshua 7:1-8:29, Romans 3:23</i> Storyteller: <i>Rivka, an Israelite Widow</i> 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>Songs: <i>Hebrews 12:1-2, Mighty, Mighty Strength of the Lord, We Will Run This Race</i> Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR and Tim meet • Tim and RR learn from another athlete, our value comes from God alone
<p>Jesus the Faithful One <i>Joshua 14, 23-24</i> Storyteller: <i>Joshua, the old faithful leader of Israel</i> Main Theme: Joshua is now an old man whose inheritance of the land point us to our ultimate inheritance through Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>Songs: <i>Hebrews 12:1-2, You Are the Only God, We Will Run This Race</i> Skit Plot Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR crosses the finish line • RR understands what it means to race for God's glory

Overview Chart, cont'd

Day	Recreation see Recreation Packet	Crafts see Craft Curriculum
1st Event	<p>Lighting the Torch Punchball Volleyball Ping-Pong Basketball Circle Soccer</p>	<p>2's–Grade 6, age-specific versions of: "Olympion!" Visor</p> 
2nd Event	<p>Creature Feature Relays Broom Jump Relay Mattress Shuttlebus</p>	<p>2's & 3's: "God's Way" Book</p> <p>4's–Grade 6: 10 Commandments Scroll</p> 
3rd Event	<p>Meal Ticket Hunt Bell Ball Beanbag Baseball Water Balloon Shot Put</p>	<p>2's–Grade 6, age-specific versions of: "Trust God!" Pennant</p> 
4th Event	<p>Run for the Gold Shoe Scramble Clothespin Sprint Run the Gauntlet</p>	<p>2's–Grade 6, age-specific versions of: Hide vs. Repent Tent</p> 
5th Event	<p>Coordination Clap Human Obstacle Course Human Croquet</p>	<p>2's & 3's: "Win with God" Medal</p> <p>4's–Grade 6: Olympion Odyssey Booklet</p> 

4's-K Lesson Handwork
see *Craft Curriculum*

Snack Ideas
see *Director Guide*

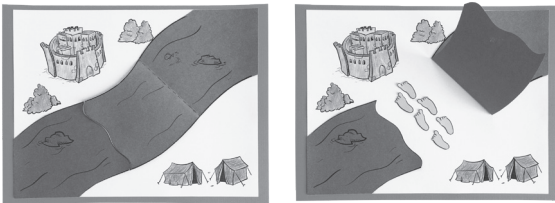
"12 Spies" Picture Wheel



Olympion Torch



Dried-Up Jordan



Olympic Rings Cupcake



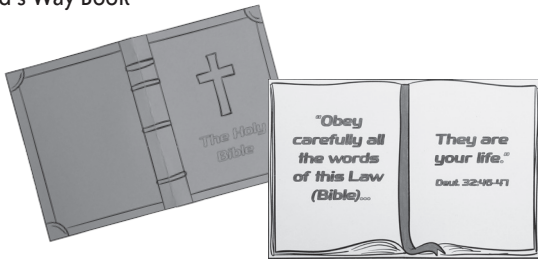
Rahab's Tower



Olympion Weights



God's Way Book



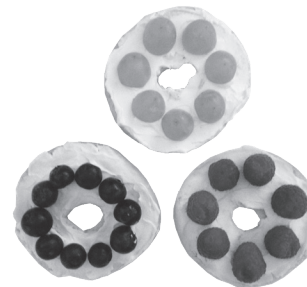
Go-for-the-Gold Training Mix



"I Will Serve the Lord" Foldout



Team Rings



A Typical Olympion Day

Each Olympion day generally includes the following components for Grades 1–6. 4’s–K and 2’s and 3’s follow a slightly different schedule. See page 21-22 for a sample schedule for all grade levels.

(shaded areas indicate rotating activities)

Activity	Time	Description
Staff Prayer	Pre-Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer team leads those who are available in a time of prayer.
Registration	Pre-Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration team registers arriving children. Olympion staff greet and welcome children and parents and direct children into the Arena (assembly room).
Daily Opening Ceremony (opening assembly in the Arena)	25 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Coach directs lively assembly that includes singing, offering, skits, the Gospel Presentation (beginning in Event 2), and daily announcements.
Training Log Entry (opening assembly in the Arena)	30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes go to their Training Centers (classrooms) and meet with their Coaches and Assistant Coaches, where they begin their day together, practice Scripture memory verses, review Bible Exploration (daily Bible reading in Training Log), discuss opportunities to serve others, and receive stickers.
Bible Lesson (Bible Lesson at Bible Lesson Site)	20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes head to the Bible Lesson site, where costumed storytellers specifically chosen for that task alone present the Bible Lesson. What the children hear during the Bible Lesson is the central focus of Olympion and the foundation of all that happens during the week!
Training Log Entry (Training Manual work in Training Centers)	20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes go to their Training Centers and meet with their Coaches and Assistant Coaches to discuss and complete the Training Log application worksheets.
Game (various sites)	20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes go to recreation site for theme-related games.
Refueling Station	10 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes go to snack site.
Crafts	20 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes go to craft site for theme-related crafts.
Daily Closing Ceremony (closing assembly in the Arena)	30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Daily Closing Ceremony brings a close to the Athletes’ day with all Leagues gathering in the Arena for singing, a brief reminder of the day’s Bible Lesson truths, and a closing prayer to end the day.