

Olympion

Grades 4k–6 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

Welcome to the Games!

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 to lead them to love and worship Jesus Christ:

- ⊙ 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 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.

Format

Olympion's unique format frees you as **Coach** (classroom teacher) to *focus on knowing your students!*

Typical Day

Coaches *do not* teach the Bible lesson, lead recreation, give the Gospel presentation, etc., enabling you to concentrate on discipling the children under your direct care.

Daily Opening Ceremonies—Each day, Olympion begins with a rousing opening assembly of all Athletes and Staff that includes singing, the missions focus, **Course Instructions** (daily announcements), and Gospel Presentation—all with a skit woven through to add humor, fun, and truth.

Training Centers—Athletes then head by Leagues to their classrooms (training centers) to meet in small groups with their **Coaches** and **Assistant Coaches** for activities focused around God’s Word, learning and reciting completed Bible memory and reporting service projects.

During the Games—From that point, varied schedules have the Athletes going to the Bible lesson, out for recreation, crafts, and snacks, and back to the Training Center for lesson application worksheets, memory work, and completing service projects.

Daily Closing Ceremonies—Each day concludes with a second all-group assembly filled with singing, a review of the day’s Bible focus, and prayer—again with the day’s skit woven throughout.

Our Prayer for You

As you get set for this extraordinary pentathlon of events, we at Reachout Adventures are upholding you in our prayers, eagerly anticipating what God will do in you, your Athletes.

***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*



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Biblical Truths at a Glance

Day	Bible Lesson	Daily Bible rReading
Event 1	<p>Fear leads to Disobedience <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 <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 <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 <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 <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>

Teaching Grades 4K-6

A, B, C, and D Leagues



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Preparing for the Race—Getting ready for Olympion

- master the games
- attend training meetings
- decorate Training Center
- prepare your heart

Coaching to Victory—Leading your Athletes through Olympion

- guide and disciple Athletes through daily activities

On Towards the Finish—Life after Olympion

- lay groundwork for follow-up
- contact Athletes and parents

What	When	What's Happening
Registration	Pre-start	Registration; greeting arriving children and parents; staff prayer time
Opening Ceremonies	30 minutes	Opening whole-group assembly
During the Games	middle 2 hours	Individual schedules for each League
Closing Ceremonies	30 minutes	Closing whole-group assembly

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

You **are** responsible to:

- lead your Athletes through the day's schedule
- sit with your League during opening and closing all-group assemblies and Bible lessons
- oversee worksheet completion
- promote Olympion's tone and theme, reinforce Bible lesson truths

You're **not** responsible to:

- teach the Bible lessons
- give the Gospel Presentation
- lead recreation or crafts
- direct singing
- serve snacks
- conduct assemblies

WHAT OLYMPION IS ALL ABOUT

— A Letter to the Athletes, Training Log

Have you ever wished you could compete in the Olympics? Perhaps win a gold medal? If your answer is yes, it's time to pack your athletic bag and head straight for the Olympion locker room! You are invited to enter the exciting, adventure-filled race of Olympion!

Olympion is where you can train to run the race of life and faith, which has a heavenly prize waiting for you that is more awesome than all the Olympic gold in the world!

At Olympion, you'll meet Joshua, a great Bible champion, and be challenged to put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on a cross to pay for our sins and bring us to victory.

Throughout Olympion's events, you and your fellow Athletes will cheer each other on as you earn bronze, silver, and gold medal stickers, and world records, as you:

- ⦿ memorize verses from the Bible (Gospel Presentation)
- ⦿ complete worksheets (Training Log entry)
- ⦿ do things to help others
- ⦿ read your Bible (Bible Exploration)

The Refueling Station (snacks) and Games for Athletes will keep you in top shape.

The Bible says that we can throw off everything that weighs us down so we can run with endurance the race that is set before us. Looking to Jesus is the best thing you can do! So let's get started.

The race of your life is about to begin. Olympion runners, take your mark! Get set!! **GO!!!**



Preparing for the Race

GETTING READY FOR OLYMPION

Master the Games

Knowing Olympion inside and out—"getting" its theme, format, and curriculum content—is key to strengthening your effectiveness and enjoyment. The above letter to the Athletes will help you catch the vision!

Format

Olympion is typically a five-day, three-hour-a-day for 4-year olds through Grade 6 completed (plus a class for 2 & 3 year olds of staff, if desired). Ideally the week concludes with the Olympion Finale, a final closing program for family and friends.

Athlete Assignments

⦿ Grade Level Leagues

Athletes are divided into Leagues as follows:

- Grades 5 & 6 completedA League
- Grades 3 & 4 completedB League
- Grades 1 & 2 completedC League
- 4's-K completedD League
- 2's & 3'sE League



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Athlete Gear

In order to meet their daily goals, each Athlete needs to bring the following “gear” to Olympion every day:

◎ Bible

Athletes are asked to bring Bibles each day to:

- complete Bible lesson worksheets
- foster daily reading of the Word
- familiarize them with their Bibles

◎ Training Log (student book)

The Olympion Training log is:

- a key element of the Athletes’ day throughout the week and quickly becomes a prized possession
- used continually for activities on-site and at home
- taken home each day so that Service opportunities, Bible Exploration, and memory work can be done in the evening and initialed by a parent or guardian A parent letter on the inside cover explains how they can help their children throughout the week.

