



LAKE GENEVA YOUTH CAMP

THE GOSPEL:**The Greatest Victory in The Great Race**

Imagine you are in The Great Race—but there's a big problem. No matter how hard you try, you can't reach the finish line on your own. There are obstacles in the way—sin (the wrong things we do) keeps us from reaching God.

But here's the good news: Jesus, the perfect Son of God, entered the race for us! He never sinned, but He took our place, paying the price for our mistakes when He died on the cross. Three days later, He rose from the dead, defeating sin and death forever.

Now, because of Jesus, we don't have to lose the race. When we trust in Him, He forgives us, gives us a new heart, and promises that we will cross the finish line into eternal life with Him. The victory is already won!

All we have to do is:

Admit that we are sinners and need Jesus.
Believe that Jesus died and rose again to save us.
Commit to following Him as the leader of our life.

When we do this, we become part of God's race team, running with Him every day until we reach the finish line—eternal life with Jesus!

Are you ready to join The Great Race and follow Jesus? The checkered flag is waiting—say YES to Him today!

DAY 1: GET IN THE RACE!

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1 – “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Have you ever watched a big car race? Before the drivers speed off, they have to be in the right place at the starting line. They get in their cars, put on their helmets, and wait for the signal to GO!

God has a race for you too—not with cars, but a race to follow Jesus every day. The Bible says that Jesus has set a special path for us, and He wants us to run it with perseverance (that means we keep going even when it's hard). The best part? Jesus is cheering you on!

Questions to Think About:

1. What kind of race do you think God wants you to run?
2. How can you “get in the race” for Jesus? (Hint: reading the Bible, praying, loving others!)
3. Who in your life helps you follow Jesus?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for inviting me into Your great race. Help me to follow You every day and not give up. Amen!

DAY 2: REMOVE THE EXTRA WEIGHT!

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1b – “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Imagine a race car carrying a bunch of extra stuff—big bags, a couch, even a fridge! That car wouldn't go very fast, right? Race car drivers make sure their cars are as light as possible so they can race without anything slowing them down.

The Bible says we need to get rid of things that slow us down in our race for Jesus. Sin (doing wrong things like lying, disobeying, or being mean) is like heavy baggage that makes it hard to follow Jesus. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He takes the heavy weight away so we can race toward Him freely!

Questions to Think About:

1. What are some “heavy things” (sins) that might slow us down in our race for Jesus?
2. How can we ask Jesus to help us get rid of those things?
3. Why is it easier to run toward Jesus when we don't have sin weighing us down?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, please help me let go of anything that keeps me from following You. Forgive me when I do wrong, and help me run my race with You. Amen!

DAY 3: FOLLOW THE RIGHT TRACK!

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He will make your paths straight.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Race cars follow a track. If a driver takes the wrong turn, they might crash! That's why they trust the track to lead them to the finish line.

God has a track for us too! He knows the best way for our lives. The Bible helps us stay on the right path. When we trust God—by obeying, being kind, and making good choices—we stay on course. And if we ever get off track, God helps us get back on!

Questions to Think About:

1. What are some ways we can stay on the right track with God?
2. What happens when we don't follow God's path?
3. How can we ask God for help when we feel lost?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for guiding me. Help me trust You and stay on the right path every day. Amen!

DAY 4: REFUEL WITH GOD'S WORD!

Scripture: Matthew 4:4 – “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Race cars need fuel to keep going! Without gas, they stop in the middle of the race.

Did you know that our hearts need fuel too? The Bible is spiritual fuel that helps us grow closer to God. When we read God's Word, pray, and worship, it fills our hearts with the power we need to keep going. If we forget to spend time with God, we'll feel empty—just like a car without gas!

Questions to Think About:

1. What are some ways we can “refuel” our hearts with God's Word?
2. Why do we need to read the Bible and pray every day?
3. How does God's Word help us stay strong?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help me to stay full of Your love and truth. I want to read my Bible and talk to You every day. Amen!

DAY 5: STAY IN YOUR LANE!

Scripture: Galatians 6:4 – “Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

In a race, every driver has their own lane. If they keep looking at the other cars too much, they might crash!

Sometimes, we compare ourselves to others—who is faster, smarter, or better at things. But God made each of us special, with our own race to run. We don't need to be like anyone else—we just need to follow Jesus and do our best!

Questions to Think About:

1. Have you ever compared yourself to someone else? How did it make you feel?
2. Why does God want us to focus on our own race instead of others'?
3. What are some special gifts or talents God has given you?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for making me special. Help me not to compare myself to others, but to run the race You made just for me. Amen!

DAY 6: STAY FOCUSED ON THE FINISH LINE!

Scripture: Philippians 3:14 – “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Race car drivers keep their eyes on the finish line. If they get distracted, they could crash or slow down.

As Christians, our finish line is being with Jesus forever. Even when life gets hard, we don't give up! We keep following Jesus, loving others, and trusting Him. One day, we will cross the finish line and see Jesus face to face!

Questions to Think About:

1. Why is it important to keep our eyes on Jesus?
2. What are some things that can distract us from following Him?
3. How can we stay focused on finishing our race strong?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help me to keep my eyes on You. I want to follow You every day and finish my race strong. Amen!

DAY 7: VICTORY IN JESUS!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:57 – “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

At the end of a big race, the winner gets a trophy! In our race with Jesus, we already know the greatest prize—eternal life in Him!

Jesus won the victory when He died on the cross and rose again. Because of Him, we don't have to be afraid of losing. If we trust in Jesus, we will live with Him forever—and that's better than any trophy in the world!

Questions to Think About:

1. Why is Jesus the greatest victory?
2. What does it mean to live with Jesus forever?
3. How can we share this good news with others?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for winning the victory for me! I want to run my race with joy and share Your love with others. Amen!

AFTER CAMP RESOURCES:

Keep Racing with Jesus!

The Great Race doesn't end when camp is over—it's just the beginning!

At camp, you learned how to run the race of faith by trusting Jesus, staying on His path, and keeping your eyes on Him. Now that you're back home, the race continues! Just like a race car needs fuel, a track, and a team, you need the Bible, prayer, and Christian friends to keep going strong.

How to Stay in the Race:

- Refuel Daily – Read your Bible and pray to keep your heart full of God's truth.
- Stay on Track – Follow Jesus by making good choices and obeying His Word.
- Race with a Team – Stay connected to church, youth group, and Christian friends.
- Keep Your Eyes on the Prize – Remember, the goal is to know Jesus more and follow Him every day!

Your Challenge: Keep Running Strong!

Camp may be over, but your faith journey is not. Visit our After Camp Resource Page ([link](#)) for devotionals, Bible reading plans, and ways to stay connected with Jesus.

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