

RUNNING THE RACE

Summer Reading Plan

Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

<p>1 Corinthians 9:24-26 Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (focus on vs. 6) How does it feel to know God always runs with you?</p>				<p>Revelation 22:20 Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p>
<p>Hebrews 12:1-3 Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?</p>	<p>Matthew 18:10-14 Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:13 Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p>	<p>Luke 15:11-32 (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p>	<p>2 John 8 Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p>	
<p>Jeremiah 10:23 Pray that God always directs your steps.</p>	<p>Psalms 119:32 Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?</p>			<p>John 20:1-10 Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:7 Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p>
<p>Proverbs 3:5-6 Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:21 Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.</p>			<p>Acts 8:26-40 Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p>
<p>Psalms 18:32 Memorize this verse.</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:10 Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.</p>	<p>Jonah chapter 1 (or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?</p>	<p>Galatians 5:7 Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p>	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p>	
<p>Great JOB!</p>			<p>2 Timothy 2:5 Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p>	<p>James 1:12 Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p>	
			<p>Philippians 4:13 Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>	<p>1 Timothy 4:8 Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>

FINISH