

## Chapter 1 : \*Christian Living

*The Christian Olympics: Going for the Gold Crowns, the unveiling of the Bible's comparison of the Christian race/life to the Olympic Games, is the spin-off from the newspaper article titled "The Christian Olympics are still going on!" written by the author.*

With minor augmentation, there should be sufficient material for a week-long VBS. You may download individual items or download the whole package here. Materials are presented in the suggested order of events. The ordering has singing and Bible study first. Afterwards, the focus shifts to other coordinated activities for the children, including games, crafts, and a skit. These latter activities could easily be omitted if you prefer to have a more traditional VBS structure and desire to only have singing and Bible class.

**Preparation Pre-Registration** It is suggested that you have a "pre-registration" to find out approximately how many children are coming. You will want to collect names, ages, and t-shirt sizes, if you are providing t-shirts. You will also want to collect information on any special dietary requirements e. This information will help you determine how many books of each grade level to print and bind and the quantities of other items that you will need to acquire. Make a welcome center for Olympic contestant registration. Here is a sample registration table. The large wall torch was made by enlarging the torch on the cover of the student workbooks. Gold foil poster board was used for the base, and orange and red textured poster board was used for the flames. The text was done using pre-printed stick-on letters. Decorate classrooms with the included posters. There are posters for ages and grades. An additional race poster may be used for any classroom and is available as an 8x10 or as an 8x You may also wish to use flags from the six countries: Applied Language Solutions has some nice flag graphics that may be used for this purpose. T-Shirts If desired, custom t-shirts can be made to your own design at any local t-shirt shop. CustomInk has an online design lab where you can design your own t-shirts. They do an excellent job for a reasonable price. Here is a suggested t-shirt design: Use the pre-registration information for ordering purposes. You may wish to acquire extra of each shirt size for last minute visitors, which is bound to happen.

**Snacks** Pre-prepared brown paper snack bags work well for snack time, as these may be taken to the classrooms ahead of time so that the teacher can determine the best time for snacks based on the age of the children. When the children are done, they can be taught to put their trash back in the paper sack and throw it away. Be sure to include drink boxes or bags as the children will get thirsty! PowerAde, Gatorade, or some other sports drink would be a good drink choice.

**Group Assignments** The children will need to be divided evenly into groups that each represent one country. Each group should have as close to the same number of children from each grade level class as possible and each class should have one or more delegates from each country, if at all possible. This is necessary to support the closing ceremony activity. Use the registration information to determine the number of groups necessary to achieve the right distribution and to pre-assign children. Assign non-registered children as they arrive.

**Registration Table** As the children arrive, explain that they will be representing their countries in each of the activities: Bible class, crafts, and games. The oldest child in each country will be designated as the lead delegate. Tell each child which country he or she is representing. Give each child a name tag for his or her country. These Name Tags are set up for printing on Avery name tag forms. Colored head or wrist sweat bands may also be used, with each color corresponding to one country. The Oriental Trading Company usually carries inexpensive packs of colored sweat bands.

**Opening Ceremony** The opening ceremony consists of the Parade of Nations, a welcome address, the Lighting of the Torch, and singing of the official Christian Olympics songs. Specifics, including a suggested speech for the welcome address, can be found here.

**Chapter 2 : In what ways is the Christian life like the Olympics?**

*Question: "In what ways is the Christian life like the Olympics?" Answer: The Olympics represent the pinnacle of athleticism, training, and competitiveness, going all the way back to ancient times. The apostle Paul used illustrations from the world of athletics in several of his letters. In three.*

KFA Sports We believe that is a year for many great and new possibilities. Whatever you hope to experience this year, one exciting will kick off the year when the Winter Olympics take place in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Each athlete is unique in how he displays his beliefs, but we are thrilled that so many competitors choose to use their moment in the spotlight. Check out many of the famous Christians in sports who made their views known at the Olympics. Here are a few of the Christian athletes who have competed in the Winter Olympics in recent years. We look forward to seeing what new heroes are born in the games. Kelly Clark Shaun White may be the name that many Americans associate with Olympic snowboarding, but Kelly Clark has been a force to be reckoned with on the halfpipe as well. Clark began her snowboarding career as a young child and essentially reached the top of her sport by the time she was old enough to rent a car. Like many athletes who experience success at a young age, her identity was wrapped up in winning, a lifestyle that ultimately left her feeling hollow. Find out more about her story by watching this video produced by Athletes in Action. David Wise Speaking of tearing up the halfpipe, David Wise is another of the Christian athletes that has been seen in the Winter Olympics. The freestyle skier first experienced global success at the Winter X Games, an event where he would win gold medals three years in a row. On the Olympic level, Wise was able to take home a gold medal at the Sochi games. He seeks to live his faith out before approaching the subject of Christianity. Find more on that conversation here. Lauryn Williams regrettably was part of two Olympic relay teams that were disqualified after faulty baton handoffs in and The team was able to win a silver medal, thereby allowing Williams to at least reach a satisfying ending to her Olympic career. Through the ups and downs of her athletic years, Lauryn Williams has looked to God as a source of direction and purpose. Lolo Jones A very similar career trajectory was taken by Lolo Jones. Known mostly as a world-class hurdler, Jones earned three national titles at LSU before entering the professional arena. Although she has had success in a number of different competitions, Jones was plagued with issues when it came to the Olympic games. In , she was in the front of the pack until she tripped over the next to last hurdle, finishing in seventh-place. Then in she advanced to the finals and ended up in fourth. Like Lauryn Williams, Lolo Jones found new life when she took up bobsledding. She was even part of the same team as Williams, though Jones did not receive a medal. Outside of running, Lolo Jones made headlines when she revealed that she was a virgin. The Olympian constantly points to her faith as the source of her strength in the face of adversity. Li Yan was one of the first competitors in the sport of short track speed skating, an event where she took home the silver medal for her native country of China. This was one of the first times that China was able to win a medal in the Olympic games. After hanging up her skates, Li started coaching for the Slovaks, Austrians, and later the United States. For more than a decade, Li has been working with the country of her birth, delivering gold medal after gold medal. Her career on the ice has taken her around the globe and she believes her faith has made her a better coach and leader. Check out her story below in another profile from Athletes in Action. Gisele Marvin was a part of the team winning two silver medals in and Jinelle Siergiej was another component in the silver medal finish in Vancouver. These are just a few of the Christian athletes who have competed in the Winter Olympics over the last few years. Only time will tell what new stories and highlights come from the games in South Korea. We want to express our support for the Christian athletes who will be using their time in PyeongChang and other Olympic sites to spread the name of Jesus everywhere they go. We also feature major Christian films, books, and athletes. Find out how you can be a part of the biggest fan event of the year by clicking on the link below.

### Chapter 3 : The Christian Olympics - Growing Through God's Word

*The Christian Olympics is the unveiling of the Bible's comparison of the Christian race/life to the Olympic Games. Jump to. Sections of this page. Accessibility Help.*

In what ways is the Christian life like the Olympics? The Olympics represent the pinnacle of athleticism, training, and competitiveness, going all the way back to ancient times. The apostle Paul used illustrations from the world of athletics in several of his letters. In three Epistles, he used the image of all-out racing to urge vigorous and lawful pursuit of spiritual growth and service. Four times Paul spoke of his own growth and service in terms of his own such race. Growing Christlikeness does not just happen on its own. To what does God call the believer? It is to become like Jesus Christ in heart and lifestyle Romans 8: The believer is in training, much as an Olympic athlete must train for a race. No pain, no gain. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Just as a runner in the Olympics must dispense with anything that would hinder his running, we must disentangle ourselves from sin. As a runner in the games must keep his eyes on the finish line, so we must keep our eyes on Christ and His joyful reward. Paul wrote strong words to them: Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? The true Christian life can be lived only by faith—faith in the pure Word of God and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Trusting our own works only insults God and does us no good. Another passage in which Paul uses the metaphor of a race is Galatians 2: There Paul tells how he had visited Christian leaders in Jerusalem in order to check with them the gospel he preached to the Gentiles. What was his reason for taking such care? I have fought the good fight , I have finished the race , I have kept the faith. In these references to the Olympic races, he certainly showed deep interest in and understanding of competitive running. He used that understanding of the Olympic races to illustrate the basics of the Christian life. A runner must train for his race, know the rules, and commit to winning. A believer must endure hardship, exercise absolute and enduring faith in the Word of God, and keep his eyes on the goal. In the power of the cross, the believer grows more and more like the Savior. Despite obstacles, challenges, temptations, and even the threat of death, the Christian continues to run the race Christ has marked out for him.

Chapter 4 : "Welcome To The Christian Olympics" Sermon by Ray Scott, 2 Corinthians - calendrierdelascie

*A new book in the religion/spirituality market informs listeners about the most enormous and longest competition the world has ever seen: the Christian Olympics, otherwise known as the "Christian race" that the Apostle Paul wrote about nearly 2,000 years ago.*

Subscribe to the CompellingTruth. How does the Christian life compare to the Olympics? In 1 Corinthians 9: He states that, "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. In this verse, Paul highlights two things; first, the goal-oriented thinking of an athlete, and second, how that goal motivates the athlete to work hard for it. Paul states that we work toward an imperishable crown. How do we reach the goal and attain the crown? In 2 Timothy 4: Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. Part of being an athlete is having the ability to endure and not give in. Yet we are also called to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure salvation" Philippians 2: Salvation is a work of God, but it is a transformational work that ushers us into a new life in which we are called upon to stand firm and endure 2 Corinthians 5: We remain faithful in the midst of trial 2 Timothy 3: We stand against the schemes of the devil Ephesians 6: We battle against our own sinfulness Galatians 5: We press on in doing good works out of love Galatians 6: In 1 Timothy 6: It is love for our Lord Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in us that give us both the desire and ability to keep the eternal goal in mind and lay up our treasures in heaven. Athletes study the rules of their sport. In 2 Timothy 2: Not only do they know the rules of their sport, but athletes nourish their bodies appropriately and train them diligently; they make personal sacrifices of time, money, comfort, and many other things in order to train, exercise, compete, practice, and stay fit. Likewise in Hebrews This verse also talks about endurance, that the Christian walk will be hard and full of obstacles like Jesus warned John Like Olympic athletes, we need to be ready to use self-control to avoid the hindrances and overcome the obstacles to our eternal goal. This might seem daunting, but those who believe in Jesus have the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit as well as the fellowship of other believers to encourage us in our race Hebrews Self-control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit Galatians 5: Fellow believers, much like fellow athletes, can encourage us in our Christian faith. We are judged for our own works, much like Olympians in solo sports. Yet we live our lives with a "team," much like Olympians have the support of coaches, other athletes, fans, and more to support them. Our "team" is the body of Christ, a family into which we are adopted when we become children of God through faith in Jesus John 1: Let the Olympic Games serve as a reminder to refocus our minds on the eternal goal of storing our rewards in heaven and let that goal drive us to be more self-controlled. And let this goal-oriented thinking and self-control all stem from our love for Jesus. Let us, like Paul, be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:

**Chapter 5 : Christian Athletes in the Winter Olympics Through the Years**

*Yes, the Christian Olympics has a Closing Ceremony, which is the rapture of the Church (1Thess) and after that the Reward Ceremony, at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2Cor). So we see that the Bible compares the Christian race to the Olympic Games.*

Her name is S. You can read more about her below in her interview and in her bio. Recently her book was produced into an audio book and she is offering review copies. Please email me at Janis if you are interested in reviewing her book. Are you interested in reviewing an audible book, The Christian Olympics, by S. Tell me a little bit about your church background. How did you come to faith in Jesus? As far as I can remember I went to church all of my life. Everyone went to church, that was what we did on Sunday. I even joined the Bible club at school. But while I was involved with church activity, the Holy Spirit Who I did not know at the time began to draw me to Him and show me in so many ways that I was a sinner. Even though I heard about Jesus Christ dying on the cross, I did not know that I had to accept His sacrifice for my sins personally to go to heaven. The Holy Spirit continued to work on my heart until one day it became crystal clear to me that I was a sinner and it was time to do something about it and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. When did your interest in writing start? Can you look back and see God working through and with you in your desire to write. If so, explain your thoughts. And during college, I was given an assignment from an English professor, at the Pennsylvania State University, to keep a journal about personal thoughts. I wrote about my relationship with Jesus Christ. And even though this was a secular university, the speeches that I wrote and delivered for my speech classes were from a Biblical viewpoint. What is the best thing you have written? Tell me why you think it is the best. In this book I explain how Paul wrote to a Hellenistic culture "one steeped in Greek philosophy, culture, and athletics" and so for the Christians of his day, marathon foot races run by Greek Olympians provided the perfect metaphor for the endurance, longevity, and persistence needed to finish the race of faith. Because God knew that when we see ourselves as players in an Olympic game, it gives us a new understanding and exhilaration for the Christian life. Helping us to endure our trials and tribulations as spiritual athletes. And this has never been done before in a Christian living book. How and when do you spend time with God? Do you have a favourite devotional? What version of Bible do you use the most? I spend time with God every morning through prayer and reading Bible verses. I try to find a Bible verse or verses in the morning before I go about my daily routine so that I can meditate on them throughout the day. Prayer is my only communication with God, to Whom I have a personal relationship with, through Jesus Christ. I enjoy our time together so much that it makes my day. Why do they seem important to you? Are you compelled to write or do you need to find inspiration? How do you deal with interruptions? I believe this is important because there are many Christians all over the world that speak various languages. I feel that I am a spiritual writer that is compelled to write the messages that God gives me. Every book that I have written was birth to fill the need of the Christian community. To avoid interruptions, I set a time during the day or night when I will not answer the phone, door bell or emails. And I turn the radio and television off, find a quiet space so that I can just concentrate on writing or typing. Gregg, a spiritual marathon runner in the Christian Olympics for several decades, is an award winning, best-selling author and founder of Sound Doctrine Christian Ministries. Gregg runs on her spiritual race tract using the spiritual gifts of: During her spiritual marathon, she has become the author of the bestselling books: As a spiritual athlete, Gregg has been interviewed on many radio stations and blogtalk radio. Exercising her faith, Gregg has written content for online magazines and has been featured in several newspapers including the Philadelphia Daily News. She is now a contributing writer for the Huffington Post. While on her way to the Finish Line, S. Gregg continues to write from a spiritual perspective and does her spiritual exercises from her home in the Philadelphia, PA area. You can reach her through the following:

**Chapter 6 : 5 Ways the Olympics Teaches Us to be Better Christians - The Olympics**

## DOWNLOAD PDF THE CHRISTIAN OLYMPICS

*"Welcome To The Christian Olympics" INTRODUCTION: Did you catch any of the Olympics? I always enjoy the gymnastics, the swimming & the diving, and the boxing.*

### Chapter 7 : THE CHRISTIAN OLYMPICS

*Christian Olympics These materials were written for a one-day Vacation Bible School (VBS), however there are five logical lessons within each set of materials, and way more material than can be fully covered in a one-day session.*

### Chapter 8 : calendrierdelascience.com: Free Christian Olympics VBS Materials

*Christian news and views about Olympic Games. The best articles from Christianity Today on Olympic Games.*

### Chapter 9 : Here Are the Christian Athletes to Watch at the Olympics

*Winter Olympic sports take strength, grace, speed, precision, and incredible courage. For many of the athletes we're about to see in PyeongChang, South Korea, those qualities are bolstered by.*