

UNIT 5: THE PROMISE OF GUIDANCE

LESSON 27 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 8-11

LETTERS ABOUT FOCUS

LESSON AIM: TO KNOW KEEPING OUR FOCUS ON JESUS THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES IS THE KEY TO A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD AS EXPLAINED IN THE LETTERS IN THE BIBLE.

PRESET

- Getting Started— Floor tape or chalk, free-standing cross, four blindfolds
- Scripture Reading— Matthew 6:31-33
- *Bible Memory Verse Song—“Yahweh: Love the Lord Your God” and other related music
- *Worship Illustration or Storybook Lesson 27
- Golden Bowl—pencils & note cards
- Bibles, highlighters
- Mailbag—see Teacher’s Guide for details
- *Daily Way Lesson 27
- Treasure Treat—*Today’s New Testament Postcard with a stamp or sticker of eyes, glasses or binoculars

*Available for download at www.childrensministrywarehouse.net.

NOTES

5. GOT TIME?

SNACK: FOCUS FOOD

GAME: BREAK FREE!

CRAFT: CARE PACKAGE—GOLD MEDAL FOLLOWERS

DISCUSSION: GOT TIME? LETTER—ROMANS 8:5

GAME: “NEW TESTAMENT OVERTURE” BOOKS ON A LINE

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: LOVE ALL AROUND, RACE TO REPEAT

1. THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: “What is a prize you would like to win?”

GETTING STARTED: RACE TO THE CROSS

2. THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO TEACHES US

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:31-33

Bless and collect the offering. Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Worship Illustration or read Storybook.

3. THE WORD PAUL AND THE WRITER OF HEBREWS

WRITE ABOUT FOCUSING ON JESUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God can give us peace even when our problems don’t go away.

Mailbag: Hebrews 12:1-3 and Philippians 3:12-16.

Find It First! Highlight Key Verse: Hebrews 2:12. Pray.

4. THE WAY PEN PAL LETTER: WE CAN FOCUS ON JESUS

> **Following Jesus is like being in a race in which every finisher receives the best prize they could ever imagine. To understand Paul’s words to the Philippians, let’s run a race right now.** (Use finish line in mailbag and complete race according to directions in Teacher’s Guide.)

? **What happened to the two runners in this race?** (First runner ran quickly and with less stumbling to the finish because of his or her focus.)

> **Just as we must keep our eyes on the finish line in a race so we don’t fall, we must keep our eyes on Jesus as we follow Him.** (Use pencils and paper in mailbag to complete activity according to directions in Teacher’s Guide.) **Leave it behind and focus on Jesus instead.**

CHRIST CONNECTION> Deuteronomy 11:18-20. Find It First!

> **1,500 years before the letter to the Hebrews was written, Moses taught the Hebrews about focusing on God’s Word, the Bible. As you read it, think about your favorite way to focus on God.** (Read Deuteronomy 11:18-20.)

> **To “fix your eyes on Jesus” is to keep your mind focused on Him.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL> Pray for individual names and the Lord’s Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES>

- TREASURE TREAT: New Testament Postcard about focus with a stamp or sticker of a eyes, glasses or binoculars
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Yourself running a race with a crowd cheering
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG AND “NEW TESTAMENT OVERTURE”

