



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts –
Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 27

Letters About Perseverance

Lesson Aim: To know keeping our focus on Jesus will strengthen us to never give up.

THE WELCOME

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

GAME: Race to the Cross

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GUIDES US

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 6:31-33

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

Perform the Mail Call script or read storybook.

THE WORD LETTERS ABOUT PERSEVERANCE

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

Review: God led Paul to write about peace of mind.

Today, we have letters from the New Testament that encourage us to persevere in following Jesus. That means to never give up in following Him. It is wonderful to follow Jesus, but it is not always easy. It means choosing every day to do things His way instead of our own way. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews knew believers would need encouragement to keep following Jesus. The letter explains that following Jesus is similar to finishing a race.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Hebrews 12:1-2. Pray. Read.

THE WAY FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS

Living each day following Jesus is like running in an exciting life-long race toward heaven. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we are sure to finish the race! To understand more about the race, let's run a race right now. Run the race.

What happened to the two runners in this race? (Due to a forward focus, the first runner should have run the race more quickly and with less stumbling.) **When you run, where is the best place for your eyes to look?**

Living your life focused on Jesus is like a race, but it is not a physical race with just one winner. We don't need to have a strong body or be a fast runner to be in this race. To finish this race and win the prize, all we have to do is fix our eyes on Jesus, because He has already marked out a race for each one of us. What do you think it means to "fix our eyes on Jesus"? It is to always be focused on doing things His way, on loving Him and everyone He has made.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Knowing what the Bible says about who Jesus is and what He has done helps us know how to follow Him. Nearly 1,500 years before the letter to the Hebrews was written, Moses taught the Hebrews about focusing on God's Word, the Bible. In Bible times, some people even wore a headband with a small scroll of Bible verses attached to help them remember to focus on God's Word. Reveal Deuteronomy 11:18-19. Read.

Singing a Bible verse with music, reading the Bible with your family, hearing the story at church, and coloring pictures of the Bible story are just a few of the ways to remember God's Word. What is your favorite way to learn God's Word?

Close your eyes and picture yourself in a life-long race where you are keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus by praying to Him, learning about Him in the Bible, and doing things His way instead of your own way. Picture Jesus standing at the finish line cheering for you. The prize is being with Him in heaven. Before you open your eyes, let's pray that Jesus will help you keep your eyes fixed on Him each day. Lead children in prayer.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- **TREASURE TREAT:** New Testament Postcard about perseverance, stamp or sticker of eyes (or glasses or binoculars)
- **DAILY WAY CHALLENGE**
- **OFFERING OF ART:** Your favorite thing about today and something special about the letters from the New Testament you just learned
- **PRAYER REQUESTS**
- **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG**

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Focus Food Snack

GAMES: Break Free!, New Testament Line

CRAFT: Care Package—Gold Medal Followers

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Ask, Seek, Knock!; Race to Repeat

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW