



# Letters About Perseverance

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

**THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE**

**Who God Is:** The Spirit Who Guides Us

**THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME**

**New Testament Letters:** Hebrews 12:1-3; Philippians 3:12-16

**What He Has Done:** God led Paul and the writer of Hebrews to write about persevering by focusing on Jesus.

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

<b>Unit 5: The Promise of Guidance</b>			
	<b>Bible Story</b>	<b>What He Has Done</b>	<b>Aim</b>
22	Letters About Love, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 1 John 4:11-12	God led Paul and John to write about love.	To understand love as it is explained in the Bible.
23	Letters About Unity, Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 17-18, 26-27	God led Paul to write about unity.	To learn that the body of Christ is made of different parts uniting to serve and point others to Jesus.
24	Letters About Forgiveness of Sin, Romans 3:23; 7:19; 1 John 1:9; Galatians 5:22-23	God led Paul and John to each write about forgiveness of sins.	To know we are all sinners and that through Christ we are forgiven and rescued from the punishment for sin.
25	Letters About Forgiving Others, Colossians 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 13:5	God led Paul to write about forgiving others.	To know God calls us to forgive others as He has forgiven us.
26	Letters About Peace, Philippians 4:4-9; Hebrews 11:1	God led Paul and the writer of Hebrews to write about peace of mind.	To know God can give us peace of mind in all circumstances.
27	Letters About Perseverance, Hebrews 12:1-3; Philippians 3:12-16	God led Paul and the writer of Hebrews to write about persevering by focusing on Jesus.	To know that keeping our focus on Jesus will strengthen us to never give up.

**COUNSELOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT**

This week, read 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Please join us in praying, "Lord, You are the author and perfecter of our faith. Strengthen the children so they can run the race You have set before them. Amen."

**WHAT IS CAMP VENTURE?** Camp Venture is a variation on the Prophets & Promises Units 5 and 6 standard version lessons. Camp Venture offers different elements consistent with a camping theme. Children are referred to as campers and teachers are camp counselors. Decorate classroom or play area to create the Camp Venture experience. For example: camp tent, backpacks, photo board or album with photos of each camper, fire logs surrounded by stones as a flameless campfire, etc.

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**THE WORSHIP  
THE WORD &  
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
<b>THE WELCOME</b>	Up to 25	<b>Camp Games:</b> Race to the Cross	Floor tape or chalk, free-standing cross, blindfolds (one for every two children)
<b>THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE</b>	Up to 20	<b>Worship</b> Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org	<b>Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song:</b> “Yahweh Every Day: Ask, Seek, Knock” <b>Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions:</b> “Praise the Lord, O My Soul” “The New Testament Overture” “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” <b>Additional Hymn Suggestion:</b> “I Love You, Lord” “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”
		<b>Worship Scripture Reading:</b> Matthew 6:31-33	Bible
		<b>Offering</b>	Baskets
		<b>Worship Illustration</b>	Lesson 27 Bible Barn script or storybook
<b>THE WORD &amp; THE WAY – TENT TIME</b>	Up to 5	<b>New Testament Letters:</b> Hebrews 12:1-3; Philippians 3:12-16	Bibles
	Up to 10	<b>Pen Pal Letter</b>	Mailbag, Scripture reference list, Bible, Pen Pal Letter, pencils, slips of paper, supplies for a finish line (string, roll of crepe paper, toilet paper, etc.)
	Up to 5	<b>Share a Prayer</b>	None
	Final 5	<b>Final Five Minutes</b>	New Testament Postcards, stamps or stickers of eyes (or glasses or binoculars), Daily Ways and basket or W <sup>3</sup> s for the older children, Letters from Camp (available at ResourceWell.org), pencils, poster board, crayons or markers, prayer notebook, Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song “Yahweh Every Day: Ask, Seek, Knock”
<b>GOT TIME?</b>	Up to 10	<b>Snack:</b> Focus Food Snack	Donuts (or any snack with a hole in the center)
	Up to 10	<b>Game:</b> Break Free!	Cross, five favorite items campers typically enjoy (toys, candy, ball, game pieces, etc.)
	Up to 10	<b>Game:</b> New Testament Line	27 sheets of paper, marker, clothesline or thin cord, 27 clothespins or paperclips, “The New Testament Overture” song, Bible
	Up to 5	<b>Discussion:</b> More Letters About Perseverance	Bible
	Up to 15	<b>Craft:</b> Care Package—Gold Medal Followers	Sturdy gold paper, shiny craft supplies, wide ribbon, crayons or markers, scissors, glue
	Up to 10	<b>Bible Memory Verse Activity:</b> Ask, Seek, Knock!	Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse poster, optional: Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song
	Up to 15	<b>Bible Memory Verse Activity:</b> Race to Repeat	Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse poster, Bible

**RESOURCES:** Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Getting started

## THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES

**Welcome to Camp Venture! Each time before we worship, we will get to know each other better and have some fun with our Camp Games. First, let's dedicate this day of camp to Jesus. Pray. Today, our New Testament letter teaches us about perseverance. Perseverance is never giving up in following Jesus. We do that by keeping focused on Him. Let's have a race to see which team can get to the cross the fastest. But be careful! This race has an extra challenge!**

**Optional:** For added fun through Units 5 and 6, adapt all camp games to a team point system. For suggestions, see the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

### **GAME: RACE TO THE CROSS**

**Purpose:** Campers will compete in a relay race to help them discover how living life following Jesus can be compared to running a great race.

**Supplies:** Floor tape or chalk, freestanding cross, blindfolds (one for every two children)

**Prepare:** Stand the cross in the center of the play area. Use floor tape or chalk to create four start lines equidistant from the cross.

#### **Directions:**

1. Form four teams of equal number. Small groups may choose to form two teams.
2. Have campers on each team stand in pairs behind their team's start line.
3. Give a blindfold to the first pair on each team.
4. On your signal, one camper in each pair puts on the blindfold.
5. The other camper in each pair leads his or her blindfolded teammate to the cross.
6. The blindfolded camper must gently touch the cross before being led back to the start line.
7. Pairs switch places and repeat before handing the blindfold to the next pair in line.
8. The goal is to be the first team to complete the relay race. Continue playing until all the teams are finished to determine which team is in second, third, and fourth place.

**Was it harder to find your way to the cross when you couldn't see where you were going?** (Campers respond.) **Today, we will read what some of the New Testament letters say about following Jesus being similar to finishing a race. Let's learn more about that!**

**Limited Space?** Teams play one at a time. The team to complete the relay in the fastest time wins. Or, play the game as a marbles race: players (with and without blindfolds) shoot the marble toward a smaller cross or a piece of tape in the shape of a cross.



The Spirit who guides us

## THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE

**Counselor Clue:** To help campers identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play music as campers move from one area to another.

**Today, we worship the Spirit who guides us to keep following Jesus. The Holy Spirit can help us keep our thoughts focused on Jesus everywhere, every day. He can help us to never give up.**



**As we sing, pray, and give our offering, let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us keep our thoughts on Jesus, His love for us, our friendship with Him, who God is, and what He has done for us all.** Sing: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" while collecting the offering.



Read Matthew 6:31-33.



Sing the Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Yahweh Every Day: Ask, Seek, Knock."

Sing: "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is."

You may also choose to sing songs that focus on Jesus.



Perform the Bible Barn script or read storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 5, Lesson 27. Include reciting the Camper's Code:

### **Camper's Code**

I will love God with all my heart.

I will love my neighbor as myself.

I will be a light wherever I go.

**Today's Camp Critter is the racehorse. Have you ever watched horses run in a race? (Campers respond.) If you look closely, you will see the horses have little shields called blinders on both sides of their heads. They keep the horses from seeing what is going on around them. The horses are able to focus on the finish line because they aren't distracted by their surroundings. The racehorse is today's Camp Critter because we are learning about some special letters found in the New Testament that teach us about fixing our eyes on Jesus. That means to focus on Him in all we think, say, and do.**



New Testament letters

# THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

**Counselor Clue:** Tent time should take place in a corner of the classroom, under a tent, or any covered space. Remove chairs and have campers sit on mats or sit-upons.

**Prepare:** Create a list of today's New Testament letter scripture references (Hebrews 12:1-3; Philippians 3:12-16) and place it in the counselor's Bible. Print the Pen Pal letter on the next page onto a sheet of paper. Fold the paper and place it in an envelope. In a mailbag, place the New Testament letter scripture references, the counselor's Bible, Pen Pal Letter, pencils, slips of paper, and supplies for a finish line (string, roll of crepe paper, toilet paper, etc.).

**Before we read God's Word, let's go over our Camp Covenant. A covenant is an agreement. Just as God made a covenant with His people, I ask each of you to make this covenant promise with me today. Listen as I read our Camp Covenant: "I will keep my eyes on my counselor, my mouth in control, my ears on God's Word—knowing God is my goal."**

**Welcome to Tent Time! Last time in our mailbag, we found letters about peace. We learned God can give us peace of mind even when our problems don't go away.**

Counselor holds up mailbag. **Today in our mailbag, 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 your 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.**



**If you brought your Bible, open it now and share with others.** Hand out spare Bibles. Counselor removes the Bible from the mailbag, opens it, and removes the list of today's New Testament letter scripture references: Hebrews 12:1-3; Philippians 3:12-16.

**Before we read, let's stand and ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us?** Camper prays aloud. **Be seated. Let's read our first letter about focusing on Jesus.** Read Hebrews 12:1-3.

**In his letter to the Philippians, Paul also compared following Jesus to a race. Let's check it out!** Read Philippians 3:12-16.



Pen Pal

# THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

During Tent Time, we open our mailbag to see if our Pen Pal will give us a clue about what today's New Testament letters have to do with our lives. Read the Pen Pal letter.

Hey Pals,

**Do you like to race for a prize? What is the most amazing prize you can imagine?** (Campers respond.) **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.** Reach into the mailbag and take out the supplies for the finish line.

**Directions:**

1. Choose two volunteers to hold up the ends of the finish line at one end of the play area.
2. Choose two more volunteers to be runners who stand at the opposite end of the play area.
3. The first runner keeps his or her eyes on the finish line.
4. The second runner faces the finish line, but his or her face keeps turning to looking behind.
5. On your signal, have both runners run the race.

**What happened to the two runners in this race?** (The first runner should have run the race more quickly and with less stumbling 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 or wander off track, we must keep our eyes on Jesus as we follow Him. Instead of looking back at our mistakes or focusing on things we think are more important than Jesus, Paul tells the Philippians to forget the past and strain toward the prize in heaven.**

Reach into the mailbag and give campers the slips of paper and pencils. **Draw or write down something wrong you have done or something you sometimes treat as more important than Jesus. As your counselor passes behind you with a trash bag, crumple up your paper and toss it over your shoulder into the bag. After you toss it behind you, leave it behind and focus on Jesus instead.**

**The life of a believer is like an exciting race toward heaven. The letter to the Hebrews says God has already marked out a race for each one of us. Isn't that amazing? We don't need to have a strong body or be a fast runner to be in this race. The letter says that in this race, we just need to "fix our eyes on Jesus." That means just keep our hearts and minds focused on Him and what He wants us to do.**

**Close your eyes and picture your life as a race. During this race, you are focusing on Jesus and doing what He wants you to do. Jesus is at the finish line cheering for you. The prize is being with Him in heaven. Now, open your eyes.**

**Believe and Be Focused!**  
Your Pen Pal

# THE WAY *continued...*



## SHARE A PRAYER

Let's thank God for guiding us so we never lose heart or give up! Let's pray for all who believe in Jesus to fix their eyes on Him every day. Ask campers for individual praise and prayer requests. Write requests in a prayer notebook.

Father in heaven, encourage us to never give up in following Your Son. You know our needs—the ones we shared out loud and the ones we hide in our hearts. We lift all these up to Your throne now. Pause for a moment of silence. We can't wait to see the way You will answer each one.

Now, we pray the prayer Your Son taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

## FINAL FIVE MINUTES

**NEW TESTAMENT POSTCARD:** Today, your Treasure Treat is a New Testament Postcard. I'm giving you this stamp or sticker of eyes (or glasses or binoculars) to remind you to focus on Jesus. Place the stamp or sticker in the corner box on the back of the postcard. **On your postcard, list where to find today's New Testament letters in the Bible.** The scriptures are listed in the Daily Way and W<sup>3</sup>. **Read the scriptures again to help you answer the postcard question.**

**TREASURE TREAT:** The Treasure Treats for Units 5 and 6 are New Testament Postcards. Campers receive a postcard and a stamp or sticker. The postcards are available at Resourcewell.org. If stamps or stickers are not available, have campers draw the stamp in the designated box.

**DAILY WAY CHALLENGE:** Did anyone bring in a completed Daily Way from last time? Praise or reward those who return a Daily Way. Distribute Lesson 27 Daily Way 5-day Bible study. **Complete this week's Daily Way at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible. Bring it back next time to win points for your team here at Camp Venture.**

**W<sup>3</sup> CHALLENGE (For Older Campers):** Take home today's W<sup>3</sup> Journal Entry as your personal devotional study. Keep your journal entries together at home in a notebook or in your Bible. Distribute W<sup>3</sup> Journal Entry #27 instead of the Daily Way. **Complete this at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible!**

**LETTERS FROM CAMP:** Write a Letter from Camp to someone to let them know what you did today. Write or draw your favorite thing about today and something special about the letters from the New Testament you just learned. Sign it and share it with someone.

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG:** Play the Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Yahweh Every Day: Ask, Seek, Knock," in the background as campers wait to be dismissed.





If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

## **GOT TIME?**

### **SNACK: FOCUS FOOD SNACK**

**Purpose:** Campers will eat a snack while personally connecting to the story.

**Snack Suggestion:** Donuts (or any snack with a hole in the center)

#### **Directions:**

1. Serve snacks and drinks.
2. **If you look through the center of this donut, what do you see?** Campers look through the hole and describe what they see. **You can't see everything around you. Instead, you can only focus on what is right in front of you! God wants us to focus on Jesus. Instead of looking back at our mistakes or focusing on things around us that we treat as more important than God, we should keep our thoughts focused on Jesus.**
3. Camper prays to thank God for the snack.
4. Ask the Snack Discussion Question: **"What is one thing about Jesus you can focus on?"**

### **GAME: BREAK FREE!**

**Purpose:** For campers to know it is easier to follow Jesus when we focus on Him.

**Supplies:** Cross, five favorite items campers typically enjoy (toys, candy, ball, game pieces, etc.)

**The letter to the Hebrews says our sins (wrongdoings) can tangle us up and distract us from focusing on Jesus and His plan for us. Even good things can distract us if we treat them as more important than Jesus. Show the five favorite items. These favorite things are good things; they are gifts from God. But, if we focus on them too much and treat them as more important than Jesus, then it is much harder to follow Him and His plan. Let's run a race where we tangle ourselves up in things that distract us and a race where we fix our eyes on Him. The cross will stand for Jesus. Show the cross.**

#### **Directions:**

1. Discuss each favorite thing and how it might distract us from following Jesus.
2. Place the cross at one end of the play area.
3. Assign different campers to hold each of the five favorite items and one to hold the cross. Instruct them to stand in different locations of the play area.
4. Divide remaining campers into teams of four. Each team chooses a runner.
5. In the first round, runners must try to keep their eyes on the cross as much as possible. Time each runner as he or she races to touch each favorite item before racing to the cross.
6. In the second round, time each runner as he or she keeps his or her eyes on the cross while running directly to the cross.
7. Announce the differences between the timings.

**How did you feel trying to keep your eyes on the cross while heading in different directions to touch the favorite things? (Campers respond.) The second race is a picture of how it should be throughout our lives as we follow Jesus. When we keep our eyes on Him and keep thinking about what He would like us to do, it is much easier to follow Him!**



# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## **GAME: NEW TESTAMENT LINE**

**Purpose:** Campers learn the books of the New Testament.

**Supplies:** 27 sheets of paper, marker, clothesline or thin cord, 27 clothespins or paperclips, "The New Testament Overture" song, Bible

**Prepare:** Write the name of each book of the New Testament on a separate sheet of paper. Shuffle the papers so the books are not in order. Hang the clothesline in the play area at a low height so campers can reach it.

### **Directions:**

1. Play "The New Testament Overture" song two times. Encourage the campers to sing along as they become familiar with the words.
2. Challenge the campers to place the New Testament books in order by hanging the sheets of paper in correct order on the clothesline with clothespins.
3. To help the campers, play the song while they work or leave a Bible open to the table of contents for them to reference, as needed.
4. After all the books are hung in the correct order, challenge campers to recite the books of the New Testament from memory.

## **DISCUSSION: MORE LETTERS ABOUT PERSEVERANCE**

**Purpose:** Campers learn of a third letter about perseverance from the New Testament.

**Supplies:** Bible

**The Bible says that ever since Adam and Eve chose to sin in the Garden of Eden, we have each been born with a sinful nature. That means every person will sin at some point because we are born with a desire or a wish to sin. The Bible helps us choose not to sin. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews says we should "fix our eyes on Jesus." Paul says the same thing in a different way when he writes about having our "minds set on what the Spirit desires." Let's check it out. Read Romans 8:5.**

**When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts. Though we may wish to sin, when we set our minds on what the Holy Spirit wants us to do, we can choose to do what is right in God's eyes. That is good news for the Romans and for us, too!**

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## **CRAFT: CARE PACKAGE—GOLD MEDAL FOLLOWERS**

**Purpose:** For campers to give a gift to encourage others to follow Jesus.

**Supplies:** Sturdy gold paper, shiny craft supplies (foil, craft jewels, glitter, sequins, shiny stickers, etc.), wide ribbon, crayons or markers, scissors, glue

**Prepare:** From sturdy gold paper, cut a 3-inch circle. Punch a hole in the top of the circle. Cut a 35-inch length of ribbon. Print on the circle (for younger campers) or write where campers can see to copy: **Fix Your Eyes on Jesus. Hebrews 12:2.** Choose other believers to be the recipients of the medals. If possible, arrange for the recipients to visit the class, have campers hand out the medals after a church service, or give them to counselors or students in a nearby class.

**Counselor Clues:** Allow the campers to make two medals, one to keep and one to give away. Encourage campers to put the medals around the recipients' necks and explain why they are awarding that person with a medal. Campers may use gold paint on the medals at the beginning of the lesson time and complete the decorating at the end of the lesson or sculpt the medals from craft clay or dough.

**Today, we learned what the New Testament letters teach about perseverance. Perseverance means to not give up. Who should we focus on so we will not lose heart and give up? (Jesus.) We must keep our eyes on Jesus as we follow Him.**

**Just as Paul encouraged the Philippians to forget the past and strain toward the prize in heaven, we can encourage believers today to keep racing toward Jesus. Let's make a medal we can give to other believers to congratulate them for doing a good job following Jesus and to encourage them to keep on following Him.** Share information about the care package recipient(s) with the campers or let them each choose someone they would like to encourage. Allow them to ask questions so they truly understand where and to whom their gift will be delivered.

### **Directions:**

1. Copy the verse from Hebrews 12:2 onto the circle.
2. Decorate the circles to look like medals using the shiny decorations.
3. Thread a ribbon through the hole and knot the ends together.
4. If you have time, make more medals.
5. Deliver the gifts!

# GOT TIME? *continued...*



## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

### **GAME: ASK, SEEK, KNOCK!**

**Purpose:** Campers learn the Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse poster, optional: Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song

**Our Bible Memory Verse is the words of Jesus encouraging us to keep praying because God is good and He answers our prayers. How do you think God feels when we pray about our questions and our needs? (Campers respond.) God never tires of hearing our prayers! What is an example of asking God to give you something? (Campers respond.) What is an example of seeking an answer from God? (Campers respond.) "The door will be opened to you" is an expression meaning God will make a way for something to happen for you. For example, you can ask God to somehow make a way for you to tell someone about Jesus. You can use the word "ASK" to help you remember our Bible Memory Verse:**

**A** stands for "Ask and it will be given to you."

**S** stands for "Seek and you will find."

**K** stands for "Knock and the door will be opened to you."

#### **Directions:**

1. Campers sit in a circle.
2. Lead the campers in reciting or singing the Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse.
3. **Let's practice our Bible Memory Verse by going around the circle and each saying the next word in the verse. I will start.**
4. Say the first word of the verse, "Ask."
5. The camper on your left says the next word, "and."
6. Continue around the circle until the entire verse is said.
7. As time allows, play again. Challenge the campers to recite the verse faster each time.

### **GAME: RACE TO REPEAT**

**Purpose:** Campers learn the Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse poster, Bible

#### **Directions:**

1. Practice saying the Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse together once.
2. Divide the campers into two equal teams.
3. Arrange the teams into two parallel lines about 15 - 20 feet from each other, facing each other.
4. Assign each team member with a number, so that each team has a player 1, 2, 3, and so on.
5. Place a Bible in the center of the play area between the two teams.
6. Call out a number.
7. The camper from each team with that number races to be the first one to touch the Bible.
8. The camper who touches the Bible first earns point for his or her team by saying the Bible Memory Verse correctly. (You may choose to allow campers to use the Bible Memory Verse poster as a reference.)
8. Continue playing by calling a different number in each round until every number is called.

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## **Team Point System for Camp Venture (Units 5-6)**

**Teams:** To adapt all Camp Games to a team point system for Units 5 and 6 (Lessons 22-31), divide campers into 4 teams. Instruct each team to create its own name and team banner at the beginning of the Camp Games segment of Lesson 22. Campers will remain on the same team for all Camp Games throughout Units 5 and 6.

**Point System:** Campers may earn points for their teams by attending Camp Venture, completing their Daily Ways, bringing a Bible, bringing a friend, winning a game, and showing good sportsmanship. At Camp Venture, good sportsmanship is respectful behavior toward others. It includes cheering for their team during games, playing fairly, tallying scores honestly, and cheering for other teams when point tallies are announced. Bonus team points are awarded for cheering and encouraging other teams.

**Grand Prize:** On the final day at Camp Venture, all members of the winning team receive a surprise grand prize. The grand prize can be an ice cream or pizza party or something that would be special to the campers. Have the winning team invite all of the other teams to join the party.

**About Competition:** Camp competition provides an opportunity for campers to learn how to honor God in a competitive environment, encourage other campers, and to be gracious winners and losers. For added fun, be very generous with the points. For example: 100,000 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 75,000 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 40,000 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and 30,000 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place. The teams will end up with point totals in the millions at the end of camp.