

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

Week 12:

LEADERSHIP:
RUN YOUR RACE

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 12:1 "...And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." (NLT)

BOTTOM LINE:

Life is a marathon, not a sprint

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Hebrews 12:1
- Philippians 3:14
- James 1:12

MAIN POINT:

There are three important things to remember when running your race: Life is a marathon, not a sprint. You will make mistakes. Forget the past, get back up and keep running.

DISCUSS:

The Bible describes our life on earth as a race. There are different kinds of races: some are sprints and some run marathons. A sprint is a race runners run very fast for a short distance. A marathon goes at a slower pace and the race is very long.

God's race for us is like a marathon; it isn't accomplished quickly. The things God has called leaders to do will be things they will do for a life time; our races aren't finished until we get to heaven.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What kind of race are you running for God?
2. Have you ever felt like you've tripped in your race? What did you do?
3. When you make a mistake is your race over?
4. What does the statement, "If you don't quit, you win" mean to you?

3. FAMILY TIME

WINNERS NEVER QUIT AND QUITTERS NEVER WIN

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 2 ping pong balls and a small prize.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the family for some family contests and see who doesn't quit and becomes the winner! Try these games:
- Clear off the kitchen table, using 2 ping pong balls have 2 people blow them across the table for a ping pong ball race!
- Have a contest to see who can hold their breath the longest!
- Have a blinking con-

test; see who can go the longest with out blinking.

- Have everyone make a funny face and hold it, the last one to laugh wins!
- Whoever wins the most contests is the overall winner and gets the prize!

DISCUSS:

- Bring up the title of the activity, "Winners never quit and quitters never win".
- Talk about how the winner of the overall prize was the one that never quit – never quit blowing the ping pong ball, never quit holding their breath, never quit keeping their eyes open, and never quit keeping a straight face. The winner got the prize!
- The Bible says, we're running a race and that we are supposed to press towards the mark for the prize.