



HEROES OF THE FAITH

Large Group

LESSON 11: LARGE GROUP

Grab the Torch

MAIN IDEA

Running the race of faith requires discipline and courage. We can develop the same commitment and courage as the heroes of faith we've learned about in the Bible.

BIBLE PASSAGES

- Hebrews 11:6
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- 1 John 5:1-5

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6, NLT



Prepare your heart to teach.
Plan for the lesson.



Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

Prepare



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Plan for the lesson.

QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the student this week? Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are there any changes and additions needed for the Large Group Lesson?
- Is there anything specific you need to communicate to the small group leaders?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Bible
- (Optional) Plastic devil horns, 1 pair
- (Optional) Plastic angel halo
- (Optional) Winter coat, gloves, boots, backpack with weights or rocks, running shoes
- Printout 1, 3 copies

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Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)

INTRODUCTION

Welcome the students to Crossroads and tell them you are glad they came this week.

(Optional) Go through the “Who is Jesus” call and response.

(Optional) As a group, say the memory verse for this week.

Open with prayer for the students.

The Bible talks about us being in a spiritual race—the race of the life of faith.

What kinds of training do you think would help us run better in the spiritual race?

Say, **Today for our lesson we will have some of our leaders help with a skit.**

SKIT:

HELPFUL HINT

Consider using the Gospel Hand when presenting the Gospel to student.

Have three leaders perform the skit in Printout 1.

Read 1 John 5:1-5 out loud.

Everybody has sinned. The Bible says that everyone has sinned and fallen short of God’s standard (Romans 3:23). Sin comes easy for us, but it’s not good to sin. In our skit the runner was encouraged to just give up running and sit on the couch and watch TV. With sin, it’s easier to just give up and give in to temptation, but there are always consequences for sin.

- **What are some examples of sin?**
- **Why is sin such a big deal?**

Sin leads to death, and sin separates us from God (Romans 6:23). Sometimes we might think that sinning is fun, or we sin to impress others, but sin doesn’t bring joy and complete happiness.

With sin, we can’t live a completely happy life. We can’t be the person that God wants us to be.

If we choose to let him, God can take away our sin by placing the punishment for our sins on Jesus, who died on the cross. By dying on the cross Jesus took the punishment for our sins, but 3 days later, God raised Jesus from the dead!

If you believe in Jesus, that he died on the cross for your sins and rose again from the dead, God takes away your sin, and you can live a full and happy life like God wants. When you believe in Jesus, you are now a child of God!



“Who is Jesus”
Call and Response

WRAP IT UP

Say, **Today we are considering a very important question—whether or not we are in the race just like in the skit. All the heroes that we considered this year have gone before us, and now it is our turn to “grab the torch”. But in order to carry the faith forward, we must first be a runner in the race. In small groups, we will talk more about what it means to be a runner in the race of faith.**

Close in prayer.