



The 'One Way' Teachers' Guide suggests reviewing Ephesians 2:13 on day 2.

However, in a **READY STEADY GO FOR GOD!** Holiday Bible Club, we recommend this verse instead.

Intersperse the **explanation**, **application** and **repetition**.



MEMORY VERSE

Review *Philippians 3:14*.

"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

INTRODUCTION

(In addition to her usual sports gear, Becca is wearing fancy sunglasses and a hair band. She is practicing her smile in a mirror and fixing her hair or spraying perfume.)

Toby: Hi Becca, are you not racing today?

Becca: Oh yes, I've just finished getting ready. I was practicing my smile. It's so important to look good. All the spectators want to see my sparkling smile and I'm sure the other competitors want me to smell nice.

Toby: But that's not what a race is about Becca! Those things are not important!

PRESENTATION

Our Bible verse is about the best race of all—God's race, and it tells us what's important in this race. *(Read the verse from the Bible.)* Is this verse from the Old Testament or the New Testament? *(Allow response.)* Do you remember who God used to write the book of Philippians? *(Allow response.)* *(Show the visual and read the verse slowly yourself before repeating it with the children.)*

EXPLANATION

"I press toward the goal"—In a race, you don't worry about looking good or smelling nice for those around you! You focus on running your best and crossing the finish line. Paul didn't spend time worrying about what other people thought or said, he focused on running for God and living to please Him.

"for the prize of the upward call of God"—In an ordinary race there is usually only one person or team who wins. Can you remember why God's race is different? *(Allow response.)* Everyone who takes part in God's race receives the amazing prize—spending for ever with God in His perfect home in Heaven.

"in Christ Jesus"—There's only one way to start God's race and there is only one way to run well in the race—faith in Jesus. Paul knew that His sin was forgiven because of what Jesus had done for him on the cross and He knew that he could depend on Jesus to help him run well for God.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: Jesus made the way for your sin to be forgiven when He died and rose again. Will you put your faith in Jesus today? You could talk to God about it right now, He will hear you. If you put your faith in Jesus, your sin will be forgiven and you will start your race for God.

Saved: If you have already put your faith in Jesus, you are on your way to Heaven! Isn't that amazing! Don't spend time worrying about the people around you, focus on running for God and living to please Him. You please Him when you obey what He says in His Word, the Bible.



REPETITION

Actions. Have a card for each team: Climbers, Rowers, Runners, Swimmers. Repeat the verse while holding up one card at a time. Ask the children to say the verse while pretending to climb/row/run/swim, depending on which card you hold up.

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