

# Theme: Racing

Goal: For the kids to live a good Christian life and finish strong

## Weekly Preaching Themes:

1. Qualifying / Salvation
2. Practicing / Service
3. Racing / Separation
4. Victory / Success

(when there are 5 Sundays, we add  
“Preparing / Soulwinning” after week 1)

## Race Talks:

Each week we talked about racecars and racecar drivers, and what goes into their success on the racetrack. Then we compared it to the Christian life, and how we can have success. (There are some HUGE racefans in our church, and we used them during this segment!)

## Story Time:

1. Paul’s Salvation
2. Paul’s Service (Paul witnesses to unbelievers)
3. Paul’s Separation (Paul leads Timothy in God’s ways)
4. Paul’s Success (His final days in Rome)

Used the ABeka flash-a-cards “Paul 1” and “Paul 2” Series.

## Memory Verse:

**1 Corinthians 7:24**, “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.”

**Method of Teaching:** Each word of the memory verse was printed on two cards—one colored, and one white. The white set was placed on a table in the front of the class. The colored set was passed out to the kids. They then took turns coming to the front of the class and placing the colored cards on the matching white ones and saying the verse.

We did this with 4 sets of colored cards, one per seating section, and made a race out of it.

## Songs:

Racing for the Gold (theme song)

Proverbs 3:5-6

Stop and Let Me Tell You

Sunday Go-to-Meeting

Victory in Jesus

Yes, I Can!

Any that corresponded with that week’s theme.

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## Offering:

**Tri-Oval Track.** Made a tri-oval track on one of the bulletin boards, and gave each seating section (4 total) a colored marker. Teams moved around the board based on how much offering they brought in each week. By the end of the month, whichever team made it farthest around the track won.

Also: we collected the offering in oil pans this month.

## Review Game:

### **Drag Strip**

Made a drag strip on a bulletin board, and put 4 cars at the starting line (one per seating section). We also made cards with colored squares on the backs. Kids who answered review questions correctly picked one card, and their team's car moved based on the color on the back of that card:

Green square = move 2 spaces

Yellow = move 1 space

Red = no spaces

Black = go back to start

Checkered flag = automatic win! (there was only one of those.)

## Best Kid Rewards:

Rewarded the 2 best kids in each seating section (2 total) with a car air freshener. (We have found that kids will be excited about whatever you give them, as long as you the teacher are excited too 😊)

## Other:

Gave remote-controlled cars to the boy and girl who brought the most visitors this month.

**Note:** We have been looking for years for a "burning rubber" scented candle, to burn during class this month. If anyone knows where we can get them, please let me know!

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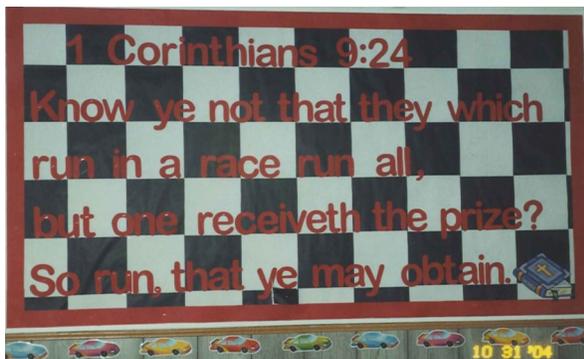
## Bulletin Board Pictures :



Offering Board



Review Game



Memory Verse Board



Other Boards



Ceiling Decorations