

# Run the Race, Win the Prize

*Ten Christian-based Sketches for Adults and Teens*

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### **ABOUT THESE SKITS**

Are you a person who loves sports and competitions? Then you will have a blast performing these ten skits! Biblical characters and truths are put into a new, entertaining light as sporting events and other types of competition. Run, swim and bike with “Wrong-way Jonah” in a triathlon that finally gets him to Ninevah. Or learn how to be a great fisherman, a soul-winner, in “Fishers of Men.” Your congregation will enjoy watching the game show “Built to Last,” which demonstrates the importance of a firm foundation in Christ. In another skit Coach Jethro points out to Moses, a “ball hog,” the importance of being a team player. Whatever skit or monologue you perform, you can be sure it will be a winner.

## **SKITS**

1. Run the Race.....for 7 actors
2. Fishers of Men.....for 2 actors
3. Built to Last.....for 4 actors
4. Team Player.....for 2 actors
5. Wrong-Way Jonah .....for 3 actors
6. The Walk-Around Wall .....for 1 actors
7. Who Is the Greatest?.....for 8 actors
8. Extreme Worship.....for 6 or 7 actors
9. The Ultimate Hunt.....for 1 actor
10. Wrestle Mania.....for 6 or 7 actors

## **RUN THE RACE**

*Based on the Parable of the Sower*

**THEME:** Keeping your eyes on the goal, perseverance.

**CAST:** 7 actors (Coach Jesus, Thorny, Thorny's girlfriend, Stoney, Wayside, Winner, and Satan).

**SUMMARY:** He who finishes the race will win the prize.

**PROPS:** Beer bottle, cigarette package, money, Jesus crown.

*(You may wish to softly underscore the actors running with appropriate music.)*

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*(AT RISE: COACH JESUS, wearing his crown, is giving the RUNNERS a pep talk. THORNY is with his GIRLFRIEND. SATAN is standing off to one side.)*

COACH JESUS: Listen now, runners. You have everything you need to finish this race and finish it well. I have put my word in your hearts, and I have prepared the way for you. You even have a cheering section.

WINNER: What do you mean, Coach? *(Looking around.)* I don't see anyone here to cheer us on.

COACH JESUS: All of the runners who have gone before you and finished this same race are in heaven, cheering you on.

WINNER: Wow, that's awesome.

STONEY: *(Enthusiastic.)* I'm ready to go, Coach. I am so excited and filled with joy to run this race. I can't wait to begin.

COACH JESUS: That's good, but you need to remember to always keep your eye on the goal even if your joy fades.

THORNY: *(Raising hand.)* Coach Jesus?

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COACH JESUS: You have a question?

THORNY: Yes. Can I bring my girlfriend along with me?

COACH JESUS: She can come if she would like to run the race also.

*(THORNY and GIRLFRIEND quietly discuss this and then Thorny turns again to COACH JESUS.)*

THORNY: I could carry her.

COACH JESUS: You will never be able to finish the race if you do. You two must make a choice.

*(THORNY looks at GIRLFRIEND pleadingly. She shakes head no and goes over beside SATAN.)*

THORNY: *(Trying to encourage HIMSELF.)* That's okay. I can do this without her. I don't need her.

COACH JESUS: That's right, you can do it. *(Talking to the RUNNERS again.)* You can all do it. I know you can. Now let's go win the race!

*(THEY all huddle and put their hands together in the circle. They cheer.)*

ALL: Run the race! Finish the race! Go!

*(THEY break the huddle on Go! The RUNNERS begin stretching for the run. STONEY is obviously more excited than the rest. THORNY keeps glancing over at his GIRLFRIEND.)*

COACH JESUS: On your mark! *(The RUNNERS all line up.)* Get set! *(The RUNNERS go down to their starting positions.)* Go!

*(On the word "Go!" the RUNNERS all begin running. At this point, they should all stagger their positions with each other so all may be seen by the audience.)*

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*(They should then just run in place.)*

COACH JESUS: Good start, runners. Keep it going.

*(JESUS then moves to the other side of the stage which the RUNNERS are facing, and He watches them from there. SATAN comes almost immediately and tackles WAYSIDE, taking him out of the race. WAYSIDE can lie on the floor for the remainder of the drama.)*

COACH JESUS: Oh no.

*(The other RUNNERS see what has happened and are distracted by this, looking back at WAYSIDE.)*

COACH JESUS: Don't look back. Remember, keep your eyes on the goal. The prize is before you.

*(The RUNNERS regain their focus and look ahead. SATAN now turns his attention on STONEY and begins to throw imaginary objects at him. Stoney is tripping and stumbling and is hit by the objects but continues to run, obviously shaken.)*

COACH JESUS: It's okay. Don't stop running. Push through the pain. You can do it!

*(COACH JESUS continues to shout encouragement to STONEY as SATAN continues to barrage him. Stoney finally stumbles and falls over an object and doesn't get up.)*

COACH JESUS: Get up. Don't stay down. Get up!

*(STONEY doesn't get up but crawls off to the side and lies there. Again, the other RUNNERS are distracted by this.)*

COACH JESUS: Runners, keep your eyes ahead, the prize is ahead.

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