



'I have done my best in the race. I have run the full distance, I have kept the faith. And now the prize of victory is waiting for me, the crown of righteousness.'

2 Tim. 4: 7&8 Good News Version



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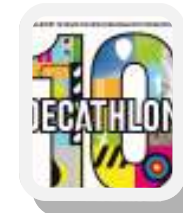
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Happy New Year.

I wonder if you remember where you were when the news was announced that the 2012 Olympic games was to be held in London. I was at Kings Cross station on my way to a conference and when it was announced that London had won the bid there was a hush over the crowd and me.

Some resources to check out:

At £11.99 Decathlon is a flexible resource to help you reach out to young people through sport during the London 2012 Olympic games.



Team Talk DVD is suitable for use in assemblies for KS2 children. It features Dan Walker, pre-



it was announced that London had won the bid there was a big cheer from those around me. It seemed a very long way away then but here we are, 2012 has arrived and the games will soon be upon us.

Schools I am sure will be looking at ways of celebrating this event and this term's school report highlights a number of ways you and your church can help them consider not just being part of Team GB but also what it means to be part of God's team.

St Paul in his second letter to Timothy explains that he has run the race and kept the faith and is looking forward to his prize, the crown of righteousness. Many years later Eric Liddell also ran his race both as an athlete and as a follower of Jesus. Still today we have athletes that are running the race of faith. This year is a great opportunity to share these stories with children and young people in our schools.

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Coming Up Next Time: Collective Worship

for KS2 children. It features Dan Walker, presenter of the Saturday lunchtime show, Football Focus and features interviews with real-life athletes. It contains five storytelling episodes and assembly outlines to accompany each story.



Rachel Foster the Primary Team Leader of Bridgebuilder Trust in

Milton Keynes has written the assembly outlines and she says:

'gone are the days when children flood into their local churches, so it's great to create a resource for Christians to take into schools to share with children in their communities. Using the current topic of the Olympic games, these assemblies focus on the lives of Christian athletes and give children a chance to consider what the Christian faith could mean for them.'

Material on this DVD has previously been used for the 'On Your Marks' holiday club DVD



Lifepath -Eric Liddell

Sue Brown Schools Development Worker for the Midlands writes...

Lifepath provides an opportunity for Key Stage 2 pupils to learn about Christians from history. Being the year of the Olympics, 2012 gives us an incredible opportunity to look at the Lifepath of one Olympian athlete who put God before everything, even his dreams of winning Olympic gold.

In June last year, a Lifepath event in Rotherham was based on athlete and committed Christian Eric Liddell. In the 1924 Paris Olympics, Liddell was famously known for deciding not to run on the Sabbath and thereby losing the chance of an almost certain gold medal in the 100metres. He went on to win the 400 metres whilst holding a piece of paper which had 1 Samuel 2 : 20 on it – *“Those who honour me, I will honour them.”*

However, Eric's life didn't end there and he turned down the opportunity for fame and fortune to become a missionary in China. At the outbreak of the Second World War he refused to return to the safety of Eng-



The Games

Simon Barker SU's Volunteer Ministry Team Leader



answers your questions.

Q. What is The Games?

A. The Games is a one day school-based activity programme ideal for Key Stage 2 that mixes fun and activity with educational curriculum-based sessions such as PE, RE, PHSE, Art, Geography etc. It has been developed with More Than Gold as a response to the London 2012 Games and reflects the specific context of working in schools and so is suitable for schools and pupils of all faiths or none.

Q. How does it work?

A. Participants are divided into groups (countries) of about 10-15 pupils each of which has a Country Captain (volunteer) who stays with that group all day. There is an Opening and Closing Ceremony (Assembly) to launch and conclude the day for everyone. In between, the countries rotate around three zones – Discovery (RE& PHSE), Creative (Art, Geography etc) and Sports (PE). Throughout the day, the groups are earning points and the Gold Medals are given out in the Closing

sionary in China. At the outbreak of the second World War he refused to return to the safety of England but rather went to help his brother care for the poor and sick. After being captured and held in a Japanese prisoner of war camp, Liddell gave his free pass out of the camp to a pregnant woman and remained a prisoner. He died a short time after this sacrificial act.

Rotherham's Lifepath covered the breadth of Eric's life including workshops on: Chinese Writing, Fair Play Games, an overview of his Lifepath, puppetry (focussing on helping the less well off in the world) and a prayer workshop. We were also honoured to have a woman who, as a child, had been at the same prisoner of war camp as Eric. She was interviewed by the children and spoke of how Eric was "like Jesus" to all he met.

The event was so positively received that within days we had received invitations to do five Lifepath events on Eric Liddell this year!

If you would like to run a Lifepath on Eric Liddell to coincide with the Olympics then all the materials used by Rotherham Lifepath are available to be used and adapted. If you would like the materials or want to chat through any possibilities, please get in touch with Sue Brown on 0114 2875947 or sueb@scriptureunion.org.uk.

points (10) throughout the day, the groups are earning points and the Gold Medals are given out in the Closing Ceremony. All the materials you require are available free of charge

Q. Why choose The Games?

A. From a school's perspective, The Games is a great way to involve pupils in a day of fun, activity and value-based learning and from a church perspective The Games can act as a catalyst to build/develop/enhance a meaningful relationship between church and school. The day is based around Christian values and concepts and, in educationally appropriate ways, explores the Christian faith with the pupils involved. It's also great fun and easy to run because the school already has most of the resources you need.

Q. What is the hope?

A. The hope is that a number of teams / churches will run The Games to deliver a one day programme in one local school OR a series of one day programmes based in a number of local schools

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