



Day 1 - - - VBS 2017

Here is what your child experienced today at CATHLETICS ...

Prayer: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless our Athletics VBS as we learn what it means to become Champions for Christ. Teach us how to make the great commandments our #1 goal each day; to love You with all our heart, soul and mind... and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

- **The Theme was “THE GAME PLAN.”** At each of our stations, we had fun learning about the Greatest Commandments:

- The **Virtue of the Day was excellence.**

We discussed that excellence is doing your very best in everything you do! We had a demonstration that showed how we should always strive to do our best if we want to become Champions for Christ!

- In the **faith station**, we learned our first Bible Verse of the Day song. We also had a teaching to help us reflect what our relationship is like with the **greatest Champion: Jesus**. As we learned about the two greatest commandments, it was clear that the ultimate goal of our lives is to get close to God and others, so we can go to heaven.

- The **Saint of the Day was Saint John Paul II.**

- Our **VBS theme song** is called: **“Champion for Christ.”** We also learned another song called, “King of All.” Ask your child to sing and do some of the actions to these songs. This week, your child will receive a Music CD of the songs they learned, so that the experience of this VBS will remain in their heart all year long.

- Have your child tell or show you what he/she made in the craft station.

- We played some **fun, high-energy games**. Ask your child to tell you which ones they enjoyed.

- Two special guests from The Ohio State University stopped by today. Ask your child about the message Taylor Momburg (women’s soccer) and Nick Musci (men’s lacrosse) shared about sports and their faith.

The Bible Verse of the Day:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind... and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39)

**repeat this scripture to your child a few times to see if they can memorize it or ask them to teach you the song they learned in the faith station.*

The VBS Challenge today is:

Read a Bible story to your child that they’ve never heard before.”

More general questions to ask your child:

What was the best thing that happened to you today?

What are some areas in your life where you need to be practice excellence?

Which is your favorite station: Games, Snack, Craft, Music or Faith Station? And why?

- Tomorrow’s theme is: **“KNOW THE RULES: Learning the 10 Commandments.”**

- You’re more than welcome to join us for lots more Athletics Fun this week at IC’s VBS.

