

OLYMPIC GAMES ACROSTIC

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Some modern Olympic events were common activities of biblical characters. Fill in the acrostic blanks with current Olympic event names. Discover hints and background information with Bible references in parentheses.

1. _____	O	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	L	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	Y	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	M	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	P	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	I	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	C	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	G	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	A	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	M	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. _____	E	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. _____	S	_____	_____	_____	_____

1. The sailors were _____ hard against the storm, but Jonah said it would only stop if they threw him overboard. (Jonah 1:13)
2. As Jesus and his disciples were _____ along the road, another man came up to Jesus and said, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus told him not to expect everything to go smoothly. (Luke 9:57)
3. Hagar’s son, Ishmael, was good at _____. (Genesis 21:20)
4. The Bible says we need patience and perseverance for the Christian life, which is like a long race, such as the more than 26 miles of an Olympic _____. (Hebrews 12:1)
5. John and Peter ran a short, fast race, like a _____, to Jesus’ tomb and found it empty! (John 20:4)
6. The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to a _____ match. (1 Corinthians 9:26)
7. The Bible says our spiritual armor includes a sword (God’s Word), perhaps like the weapon Olympians use for _____. (Ephesians 6:17)
8. Jacob had an all-night _____ match with God’s angel before receiving a blessing. (Genesis 32:24)
9. In jealousy, King Saul angrily threw a _____ at David in anger. (1 Samuel 18:11 KJV)
10. When Paul was shipwrecked as a Roman prisoner, all the passengers and crew were saved by _____ or hugging broken pieces of the ship like kickboards, floating to shore. (Acts 27:43)
11. No matter what types of physical _____ (or training) we do, the Bible says it’s good for our bodies. But spiritual training is even more important. (1 Timothy 4:8 KJV)
12. The prophet Nahum speaks about certain prancing animals which can remind us of Olympic _____ events. (Nahum 3:2)