

Did your family watch the Olympics this summer? If you watched, what was your favorite event to watch? *Discuss this together*

In the Olympics, the greatest athletes in the world compete for their country to see who is the greatest at sports like swimming, basketball, volleyball, and lots more. Our Bible reading today talks about how the disciples, Jesus' followers, argued about who is the greatest between the twelve of them.

Read Mark 9:30-37 together. The NLT is included but feel free to use whatever version you like best.

When the disciples were arguing, they were fighting about who is the best. Maybe this is something that you have fought about with people before too. The disciples wanted to be the smartest or the best follower of Jesus but they forgot that they can't be the best because they sinned just like we sin too. Even though the disciples sinned and messed up, Jesus still wanted to help them and teach them what was right. He does this for us too! In this Bible reading, we learn that helping people and putting them first is how Jesus wants us to be. An easy way to remember to help people is to remember the word joy. Joy can stand for Jesus, Others, and Yourself. This means that we should always put Jesus above everything in our lives. Next, we should care for others before ourselves. Finally, we think of ourselves.

What are some ways that you can put other people first before yourself?
What are some ways that you can put Jesus before everything in your

life? Is it ever hard for you to put Jesus and others before yourself? Why do you think it's hard? *Discuss these.*

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for forgiving me when I don't put You and other people first. Help me to always put You and others before myself. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.