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Thursday Drama – The Good Samaritan

1. Play Video of the Good Samaritan (5 minutes)
2. Gather in groups; 2 per class
 - a. Ask questions and discuss
 - b. What does God say about neighbors?
 - c. Who are our neighbors?
Family, church, neighborhood, school, church
 - d. Who are some people in our lives that we are called to help?
 - e. What are some reasons we would feel we could not help someone?
Lack money, fear, embarrassment, lack of time
 - f. What are some ways we can help people?
Money, clothes, food, prayers, friendship, love
3. Each group will become one of four teams.
 - a. The Victims – falls and gets hurt, cries out for help
 - b. The Egomaniacs – rejoices that goes from second to first place
 - c. The Oblivious - ignores cries for help
 - d. Good Samaritan – stops and helps victim
4. As a group determine the characteristics of your team. You are running a marathon and the lead runner twists and ankle and gets hurt. You have a choice to keep running or stop and help. What do you do?
 - a. The Victims – the runner falls and gets hurt. What is it like to train for something and then get hurt during the competition? Is it easy to ask for help? How do you feel?
 - b. The Egomaniacs – This team is in second place until the leading runner falls. They rejoice at now being in first place. How would you feel if now you were in first place? Would you feel good or bad? We are going to pretend that it feels good
 - c. The Oblivious – This team is running by and not paying attention at all to those around him. He has to jump over the hurt victim in order to keep going. He doesn't look or acknowledge the issue. Are you ever so involved in your own life that you do not notice when someone else is in pain?
Good Samaritan – This runner is in 3th place and can now get a silver medal since the lead off runner is down. He stops and helps the man up, gets him to first aid and then finishes the race. How does it feel to help a man in trouble? Do you need to make sacrifices in order to help other people?

5. Race Day! How did the race end?
- a. The Victim – ends up in the first aid tent watching the finish of the race and being very heartbroken but thankful that he was helped.
 - b. The Egomaniac – gets the Gold Medal and is boasting and showing off. No one really wants to talk to him.
 - c. The Oblivious – Gets the silver medal but doesn't even see or hear anyone cheering or clapping for him.
 - d. The Good Samaritan – Ends up getting the bronze medal despite stopping. He respects the lead off runner so much...he was his role model.. that he gives his medal to that runner out of respect.

ACTION: The Sports Announcer interviews all of the four runners

SA: That was an exciting marathon! Team A, What happened? You were going really well pulling ahead quite a bit of the pack and then you just went down!

Team A: Wow Bob, I really twisted my ankle. What a disappointment. I thought I could keep running on it, I was almost there but I realized that if I did I would end my running career all together. I had to get out of the way though because I would have been trampled by the other runners.

SA: You're right, you really did need to get out of the way. We can't really stop the race and the other runners are coming by pretty quickly. Team B, because of Team A's mishap you were able to win the Gold. How does that feel?

Team B: I was thrilled personally that Team A got hurt. I know he is faster and stronger than me and I never would have had a chance! Now I can wear my Gold Medal forever! HAHHAHA!!! (evil laugh)

SA: Ok Then...that's one way to look at it. Well Team C, you were able to come in with the silver. You seemed deep in concentration out there. Were you affected by having to jump over Team A when they went down?

Team C: Team A went down? Where?

SA: Now let's turn to Team D, I really have to commend you for your commitment to your competition. You stopped and helped him and then continued on the race. I am truly impressed by your sportsmanship and willingness to help him despite losing the silver because of it. Are you disappointed?

Team D: No Bob, I am not disappointed. There was no other solution for me. I would not have been happy with myself if I had continued to go and finish the race without stopping to help. To win at the cost of another is to lose in my heart. God has taught me that we are all in this together and that I can only succeed in life with the support of others. I hope that if I were ever in that situation that I would be able to receive the same kind of help.

But most of all Bob, I have found that I now have a friend for life and that is worth more than any medal!

SA: Team D, you are truly an inspiration to your fellow athletes. You bring honesty and integrity to your country.

SA: Well that's the wrap for today! Just one more day in the Catholic Olympics and we finish with the closing ceremonies tomorrow. We'll see you then!

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Closing Discussion:

1. Which team member do you think showed the values of a true athlete and team member?
2. How do you think God would have liked us to respond in the same situation?
3. Even though the runners were on opposing teams they are now friends. Is it possible to become friends with your rivals?
4. Good sportsmanship can be found everywhere. How can we follow God's commandments and love our neighbor?