

## CatholicMom.com Camp Scripts

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### Tuesday Drama – The Sower

1. Play video of the sower (5 minutes)
2. Gather in groups; 2 per class  
Ask questions and talk about:
  - What does a seed need to grow?
  - What does our body need to grow?
  - What does our soul need to grow?

Good things vs. Bad Things  
Sun, light, water vs. dark, dry  
Exercise, good food vs. Junk food, TV  
Love, God, Friends vs. Selfishness, meanness, isolation
3. Each group will then become one of four teams
  - A. Team of the hard path - does not hear
  - B. Team of the rocky soul – hears but does not act
  - C. Team of the thorns – hears but is distracted
  - D. Team of the fertile soil – hears, believes, achieves, succeeds
4. As a group, determine the characteristics of your team as you respond to the coaches words before competition.
  - A. Hard Path – when coach is talking the team is talking on cell phones, listening to IPODs, reading books or playing DS.
  - B. Rocky Path – Team is listening to the coach but they aren't really interested in doing the work. They go off and watch TV or eat snacks instead of practicing.
  - C. Thorns – Team listens and then starts to practice but they get distracted by friends wanting to play, or a tv show coming on, or play with the dog.
  - D. Fertile soil – Team listens, takes notes, trains and practices.
5. Race Day! What will your team do? How will they perform?
  - A. Hard Path – What are we supposed to do? Where do we go? Huh?
  - B. Rocky Path – I'm here but boy and I tired and have a stomach ache!
  - C. Thorns – Ready to go! Oh, forgot my shoes. Can I make a quick phone call? I have to go to the bathroom!
  - D. Fertile soil – Ok, Ready Set Go!

6. Performance – Pick 2 or 3 kids from each group to perform their area with the teen as the leader. Each day different kids can do it or you can run through the skit twice allowing some to watch and some to participate.

ACTION! Coach's speech:

“ We finally made it to the Olympics! What a great achievement! We're all on the same team here so let's pull it together and go for the Gold! Listen closely, here's what we have to do to be at our best for tomorrow:

1. Last minute training: when you leave here I want you all to do 10 pushups, 10 sit ups and 10 jumping jacks.
2. Make sure you eat a good dinner with meat and vegetables and some fruit and lots of water. No junk food!
3. Get a good night's sleep, at least 8 hours.
4. When you wake up in the morning say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for bringing you to this place in your life and pray to do your best.

Now go!”

The teams go off their separate ways and one by one demonstrate what they discussed in #4.

Race day: everyone shows up at the track except the rocky path team who is wandering around. All teams do #5 activities and Fertile Soil wins the race.

Sports Announcer: in the background as the skit is going on. He talks over the acting to explain to the students what is happening. For example:

- Let's go to the locker room and listen to the coach....coach's speech.
- Where is team A? They seem to be lost! They must not have been listening.
- Team B is off to a great start! But look! They're stumbling and falling, Get up!
- Team C is running down the track...wait! What happened? Someone has stopped to take a cell phone call! Joe looks like he's heading to the bathroom!
- Look at Team D go! They sure are speedy and fast! What a good job. Team D has won the race and the gold medal!

Sports Announcer: Interviews Team D at the end of the race

Congratulations Team D. Your hard work has sure paid off! How did you do it?

Teammate: “Well, we listened to our coach and followed his guidance. We took care of ourselves and spent time training. It feels great to work hard and succeed!”

SA: Do you want to thank anyone?

Teammate: “ Thank God for all of our gifts and bringing us here today. He’s the greatest coach of all!”

Music BREAK – Let’s learn a song about growing and being our best and listening! You remember we’re talking about listening!

Closing and summary:

Which team do you think represented the stony ground? The rocky path, the thorns and then the fertile soil?

What did team D accomplish (fertile soil) that the others didn’t? How do you think it would feel to be part of that team? (Got the gold, had success and fame. Feel Great)

Which team would God want us on? (Team D)

Where do we hear God’s word? (Church, Homily, bible, CCD)

What can we do to hear God’s word more effectively and to become the fertile soil he describes? (Pay attention, work hard, do our homework, train)