



# POWER UP

RAISE YOUR GAME

VBS 2019 | LEADER DEVOTIONS



# DAY 1

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## **READ PHILIPPIANS 3:8-10.**

*Even more, I consider everything to be nothing compared to knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. To know him is worth much more than anything else. Because of him I have lost everything. But I consider all of it to be garbage so I can know Christ better. I want to be joined to him. Being right with God does not come from my obeying the law. It comes because I believe in Christ. It comes from God because of faith. I want to know Christ better. Yes, I want to know the power that raised him from the dead. I want to join him in his sufferings. I want to become like him by sharing in his death (NirV).*

Have you ever watched Jeopardy! and wondered, "How do they know all that stuff?" It's incredible when you really stop to think about it, especially since the contestants don't know the categories before they appear on those little blue screens.

Paul was like the best Jeopardy! contestant of all time when it came to knowing the law. But he counted all that knowledge as nothing. All those years spent memorizing and studying and debating were worthless compared to knowing Jesus. Paul discovered that knowledge of the law and obedience to the law doesn't save us. Only Jesus can do that.

As you prepare to lead your group today, ask God to help you understand this truth: the God of the universe wants you to know HIM. He has given us His Word, He sent His Son, and He loves you more than you could imagine.