



Summer 2026

Our Olympians have had a very exciting week. We met Ollie the Arctic Seal, our very own *seal-ebrity*! We also had our live stream reporter, Jolly, to lead us through our broadcasts. Coaches and trainers helped the Olympians excel at all the events at the Snowball Mountain Challenge. The most important thing that everyone learned is that **we can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens us!**



Jolly's Jokes

Coach Naamah taught everyone songs and some great dance moves. We also played games, heard Bible stories, made arts and crafts, did STEM experiments, and enjoyed snacks!



This Week's Bible Stories

I can share my gifts.

On the first night, we met Joseph. No, not Joseph from the “Mary and Joseph” Bethlehem story. This Joseph lived a long time before that! Joseph had a gift – the gift of interpreting dreams. His brothers didn’t like him very much, so they first tossed him into a well, and then sold him to people traveling by! He wound up in Egypt, where he had some adventures (some good, some not-so-good), and eventually wound up as a very powerful person in the household of the Egyptian Pharaoh! Not long after, very hard times came upon the world. People all over needed help, and Egypt was prepared to help because of Joseph’s leadership. Even his brothers, who had been so mean to him, came asking for help. What did Joseph do to the ones who had been so horrible to him? He forgave them and he helped them. Forgiveness is a gift, and sharing is a gift. Joseph decided to share his gifts!

I can be brave.

On the second night, we talked about Queen Esther. Esther was a Jewish woman who the King of Persia chose to be his wife. Just because she was his wife didn’t mean she could do whatever she liked and say whatever she liked. No, she still had to follow some rules. If she broke the rules, she could be punished if the King wanted to punish her. One day Queen Esther’s cousin, Mordecai, told her about an enemy’s plan to harm the King. The Queen was very brave and used all of her courage to speak with the King about the dangerous plan. Her bravery saved the King’s life, and to thank her, he protected the Jewish people.

I can give my all.

One day Jesus and his friends (also known as disciples) sat in the temple and watched as people made their offerings. The rich

people with lots and lots of money made a big deal about how much money they were giving. They wanted to show off so that everyone would know how much they gave. Then a poor widow gave her offering, which was only 2 coins. The rich men gave large amounts of money, but this poor widow gave everything she had, just two coins. She gave her ALL, to glorify God, while the rich men did not. She teaches us that it doesn't matter what other people say or think about us. What matters most is what God says about us!

I can pray.

A long time ago in Jerusalem, Jesus was facing some big challenges. They were even bigger than the challenges on Snowball Mountain! Jesus felt sad, hurt, and tired, and he just wanted to be alone for a little bit. He decided the best thing to do was to go to a quiet spot and pray. Prayer is just talking with God. He talked through his feelings and then ended with, "God, your will be done, not mine." Jesus knew that God's plan was more important than any other plan. That's a great lesson for us to remember!

I can hope.

One day, two of Jesus' closest friends (Peter and John) went to the temple to pray. At the temple was a man who had been unable to walk all his life. Because he was unable to work, he sat at the temple and asked for money from people who passed by. Peter told him, "I don't have any money to give you, but I can give you something better! In the name of Jesus Christ, get up and walk!" And that's exactly what the man did! He walked, he leaped in the air, and he praised God. He went right into the temple with Peter and John, to thank God for healing him. Peter said the name of Jesus, and the man was completely healed. Peter understood that he could do all things through Christ who strengthened him!

Jolly BOARD

I can
hope!



I can
share
my
gifts!

I can
be
brave!

I can
pray!

I can
give
my all!



Absecon United Methodist Church

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS – July 2026

abseconumc.com

AUMC Sunday Schedule

9 AM: Contemporary Worship in our Great Hall

11 AM: Traditional Worship in our Sanctuary

Sunday School begins on September 13 at 9:45 AM

The United Methodist Church at Absecon

100 Pitney Rd, Absecon, NJ 08201

web: abseconumc.com // email: abseconumc@comcast.net

*Use this code for
our Sunday School
registration website*

