

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

Soccer Camp

Monday

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The objective is the goal or main teaching point of today's study. If you convey one thing to your players, make it this.

Read this passage aloud to the kids, as it will be the focus of today's study.

Here is where we will discuss today's passage with the players. This can be read off the page or summarized and explained in the coach's own words.

Objective This study will teach the players that all their actions, whether good or bad, have consequences.

Scripture Passage:

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

Galatians 6:7

In the Word

Our memory verse today uses some words that many of us don't use today: sow and reap. These are farming words. “Sow” is when you plant a seed, and “reap” is when you pick the food that comes from what you planted. In Galatians 6:7, we read that whatever kind of plant you sow, that's the kind of plant you're going to reap. If you plant apple seeds, you're going to grow apples. Tomato seeds are going to give you tomatoes.

That might seem obvious. Of course you are going to get the kind of seed that you planted! But the verse is actually making an important point: our actions have consequences. Just like planting a seed produces the result of fruits and vegetables, the way we live and choices we make are going to produce results. For example, if you exercise and eat healthy food, the result is that you will have a healthy body. If you play video games all day and eat junk food, you won't be as healthy.

When you are at school, at home, on the soccer field, or anywhere else, you have many choices to make between doing things God's way or not. Will you be kind to everyone, or will you pick on the unpopular kid? Will you cheat to win, or will you play fairly? As we make these choices, it's important to remember that what we do has consequences. If we live life God's way, He sees and rewards that (though not always right away). On the other hand, when we make a bad choice, that's called sin, and sin leads to punishment. So let's make wise decisions and do things God's way so that we can reap the benefits of following Him.

Team discussion gives questions to ask your team in order to discuss today's topic. Use the information from the coaches guide to steer the conversation toward the biblical truth.

"On the Field" gives some in-game situations where today's lesson can be applied, while "Off the Field" gives examples from everyday life. Encourage them to do the things you listed during the game today.

These are some final notes/goals to accomplish today. These are not meant to be read, but are instructions for the coach.

Team Discussion

1. What do the words "reap" and "sow" mean? What do sowing and reaping teach us about the choices we make?
2. Can you think of a time when you got in trouble for doing something wrong? What about a time you did a good thing and got rewarded?
3. If we do something wrong but don't get punished right away, does that make it okay? If we obey God but aren't rewarded right away, does it make God's promise in this verse untrue?

On the Field

- Being a bad sport hurts your friendships with players on the other team after the game, but when you play with good sportsmanship, everyone has a better time.
- Listening to your coaches, both in practice and team time, will make you a better player and help you grow in your faith.
- When you break the rules or cheat in soccer, there is a penalty that hurts your team and helps the other team.

Off the Field

- Obeying your parents does more than just make them happy. It causes them to trust you.
- Be kind to everyone, even if they are unpopular. You may make a new friend, but even if not, you are still honoring the Lord.
- Do you want to know God better? If you sow time in prayer and His Word, you will reap a stronger relationship with Him.

The Game Plan

1. Review Galatians 6:7 with your team.
2. Encourage your kids throughout the week to think about the choices they make. If they make a good choice, encourage them. If they make a bad choice, talk to them about the consequences.