

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

Soccer Camp

Friday

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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 present the Gospel and give the kids an opportunity to respond.

Scripture Passage:

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9 (Monday-Thursday's memory verse on next page)

In the Word

As we've been learning this week, all of us have a choice to make. We can either live God's way (sow to the Spirit) and receive eternal life with Jesus, or live our own way (sow to the flesh) and be separated from God forever. Today, we want to give every kid at this camp a chance to make the decision to become a believer in Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9 says that in order to make the choice to live God's way, we need to do two things: confess Jesus as Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead. The word "Lord" means "master," so confessing Jesus as Lord means deciding that He's in charge of your life. You make Him your King, and your life becomes about following and obeying Him (sowing to the Spirit), not making yourself happy (sowing to the flesh).

None of us can perfectly obey God, which is why we have the second step of Romans 10:9, believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. We all sin, which means thinking, saying, or doing something that God says is wrong, and the Bible says that the punishment for sin is death, which is separation from God forever. To save us from this punishment, God sent Jesus, His Son, to earth. Jesus lived a perfect life. He always obeyed God, but He died on a cross to take the punishment for sin that we deserve. Then He rose from the dead, defeating death for us so that we no longer have to be separated from God. Instead, we can live with Him forever in Heaven. If you've never made the decision to ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, you have a chance to do that today.

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 you have to do to be saved according to Romans 10:9? What does it mean to confess Jesus as Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead?
2. Share the story of how you decided to make Jesus your Lord and Savior. What were you like before you became a Christian? How did you become one?
3. Do you want to be saved? Pray with your coach right now and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.

On the Field

- The message of Jesus Christ is the most important thing you will learn all week (more than any soccer skills). Don't leave camp without trusting Him as your Lord and Savior.
- Confessing Jesus as Lord means that obeying Him comes before pleasing yourself. That means that honoring Him on the soccer field is more important than scoring goals or winning games.

Off the Field

- When Jesus is Lord of your life, obeying God and following His Word comes before doing the things that you want.
- It's important for everyone to believe in and follow Jesus. If you have friends or family who aren't Christians, share with them how they can be saved.

The Game Plan

1. Review Galatians 6:7-10 (below) and Romans 10:9 with your team. Anyone who can say all 5 verses will receive a prize.
2. The goal of today is to present the Gospel and give the kids a chance to respond. Let us know if any of your kids accepts Jesus as their Savior. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."
Galatians 6:7-10