

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

10-17's

Sports Devos

Week 6

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The objective is the goal or main teaching point of this week'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 this week's study. Each week's memory verse will be in bold.

Our lessons for our older age groups are designed to be more discussion-based. This section is for the coach to read ahead of time so that he/she understands the goal of the discussion and is able to direct the conversation.

Objective To show the players how everything they do can be worship if they do it in a way that honors the Lord.

Scripture Passages:

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24 (Memory Verse, Colossians 3:23, in **bold**)

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

Coaches Guide

Last week, our focus was on our thoughts and words as we looked at loving the Lord with all our mind. This week, as we see how we can love Him with all our strength, we will focus on our actions: how can we honor God with the things we do?

When we think of loving God with our actions, our minds will typically go straight to things like praying, reading the Bible, and going to church. While all of these things are important and are certainly great ways to obey the Lord, they are by no means the only things that honor Him. Our verses today talk about our walk with the Lord affecting everything we do. Even things like the way we eat and drink should point others to the fact that we are followers of Jesus Christ.

Today we want to look at how we can act in a way that glorifies God in every area of our lives. What does it look like to be a Christian soccer player, son or daughter, sibling, friend, student, or employee? How can our lives reflect Jesus in everything we do?

Our memory verse today comes in a passage about servants and masters. Paul tells the servants that they should not only be obedient when their masters are around, but all the time. Their goal is not to please their masters, but please the Lord. When we do any action or activity for God's glory, it becomes an act of worship. Every aspect of our lives can be an act of worship if we would only seek to glorify God in everything we do.

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 this week. These are not meant to be read, but are instructions for the coach.

Team Discussion

1. Today's verses talk about loving the Lord with our actions. What kind of actions please God?
2. The verses we read talk about pleasing the Lord in things like eating and drinking. How can everything we do become an act of worship?
3. Think about activities that you are regularly a part of (school, family, friends, sports/activities, work). What would it look like to love the Lord with all your strength in those places?

On the Field

- Some of us don't like sitting out of the game, but your time on the sideline can be a time of worship. Obey your coach when he or she pulls you off and use the time to encourage others.
- Play the game in a way that is pleasing to God. Do not push or trip other players, even if they do it to you or if the ref won't see.
- In success, give God the glory. In failure, thank Him for the chance to play.

Off the Field

- At home, we can worship God by doing chores without being asked, obeying our parents, and treating our siblings kindly.
- At school, we can do honest work, befriend those who are lonely at lunch or recess, and sharing about Jesus with those who don't know Him.
- In whatever situation we are in, think "how can I glorify in doing this?"

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, Philippians 4:8. Anyone who can recite it to you will get a ticket for snack stand prizes.
2. Learn and memorize Colossians 3:23 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. Turn everything you and your team does today into an act of worship. Think about how you can worship God in coaching, playing, sitting out as a sub, and even after the game. Do everything for God's glory!