

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

4-9's

Sports Devos

Week 6

...And With All Your Strength.

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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.

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 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

In the Word

So far this season, we have looked at loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. Today, we are going to look at the last part of Mark 12:30, loving God with all our strength. Last week, we focused on our words and thoughts. This week, we will see what it means to love God with all our strength by looking at obeying Him with our actions.

Think of some actions that we know please God (have the kids name a few). When we think of actions that please God, we usually think of things like reading the Bible, praying, and going to church. While all of these things are certainly important, the two Bible verses we just read show us that these are by no means the only things God cares about. The Bible teaches us that our faith in Jesus should affect every part of our lives. Even in things as basic as the way we eat and drink should be done in a way that honors the Lord.

Our memory verse comes in the middle of a Bible passage where Paul is talking to servants about obeying their masters. He tells them that when they serve, they should do their best at all times, whether their master is watching or not. He tells them to obey, not because their master deserves it, but because their obedience honors God. We can turn anything we do, from cleaning the toilets to eating, into an act of worship if we seek to bless God in the way we do it.

Think about all the groups you are a part of and places you go each week. You are on a soccer team, you go to a school, you have a family at

In the Word (Continued)

home, and perhaps you are involved in other activities, such as another sport, dance, art, martial arts, or something else. In each of these areas of your lives, it is important to think about how we can live to please God. You can honor God as a student by doing your best, doing your homework, and not cheating. You can turn your time at home into an act of worship by listening to your parents, being kind to your brothers and sisters, and doing your chores without being told. Who knew that chores and homework could be worship? As Christians, it is important for us to think about how we can best please the Lord in whatever situation we are in. We love God with all our strength not just by doing “Christian” things, but by doing regular things in a way that honors Him.

“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.

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?”

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

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!