

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

10-17 year olds

Week 7

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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 This study will present the Gospel to the kids and give them an opportunity to respond.

Scripture Passage:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV; Memory Verse)

Coaches Guide

All season, we have looked at how we should think about, speak, and do things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. However, as you try to put these things in action, you will notice quickly that it is impossible to live this way all the time. We all fall short and sin, and sin always deserves a punishment. The ultimate punishment for our sin is death (Romans 6:23), and not just physical death, but eternal separation from God.

Even though we all sin, there is one Man who perfectly lived out Philippians 4:8 all the time: Jesus. Every word in that verse describes Him. He is the only one in human history who never sinned and thus did not deserve the punishment of death. Yet although He had no sin, our memory verse explains that on the cross God made Him sin for us. In other words, He took our sin on Himself and received the punishment, death, that our sin deserves. Then on the third day He defeated death once for all by rising again from the dead, overcoming what separates us from God.

The second part of our verse tells us that in exchange for taking our sin upon Himself, Jesus offers us His righteousness. That means we get His sinless righteousness, which allows us to dwell with Him forever. All we have to do is confess that we are sinners, believe that He died for us and rose again, and ask Him to forgive our sins and be our Lord (Master) and Savior. This good news is known as the Gospel. When we believe the Gospel, our sins are forgiven and we get to spend eternity with Jesus.

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. Review what we've learned this year about Philippians 4:8. Have you tried to put these things into practice? How has that gone? Have you been able to perfectly obey God all the time? Can anyone?
2. What do you think 2 Corinthians 5:21 means? What did Jesus do on the cross for us and why is it important? What did we get in return?
3. How do we "become the righteousness of God"? What do we need to do to be saved?
4. Share the story of how you came to faith in Jesus. Present the Gospel and offer the kids a chance to respond.

On the Field

- If Christ is your Lord and Savior, then your main goal when you play soccer should be to honor Him in everything you think, say, and do.
- There may be people at your game today who don't yet believe in Jesus. Let the way you play be a testimony to them, and be ready to share the Gospel with them.

Off the Field

- Our most important response to what we learned today is to believe in Jesus and ask him to be your Lord and Savior. If you haven't done that before, do so today!
- Since Jesus forgave us for our sins, we should be able to forgive others when they sin against us.
- The message that we can be forgiven of our sins is one that everyone needs to hear. If you have unsaved friends and family, tell them about Jesus.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, Colossians 3:2, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Give a ticket to anyone who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize 2 Corinthians 5:21 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. The goal of this week is to present the Gospel message and offer the kids a chance to respond. Notify Chris of any kids who give their life to the Lord.