

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

**4-9 year olds**

Week 7

*He Became Sin for Us*

# He Became Sin for Us

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** 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)

## In the Word

Have you ever done something bad that really hurt someone? Did you get punished for it? When we hurt someone, we usually get punished, maybe with a time-out, spanking, or something else. Now imagine that the person you hurt said that they didn't want you to be punished. In fact, imagine if they were willing to take the punishment for you. Today we will see that this is like what Jesus did for us.

This season, we have been going through the list of things Paul told us to think about in Philippians 4:8. We have talked about what it means for something to be true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy and how we can think about, speak, and do these things. But none of us are perfect. No one on this team always says what's true. All of us do things that aren't right. We all have hearts that are not always pure. Whenever we think, say, or do something that is not true, noble, right, and the rest of our Philippians 4:8 list, that's called sin, and the Bible says that sin separates us from God.

Only one Man in all of history has ever perfectly lived according to Philippians 4:8 - Jesus. He always spoke the truth and did what was right. He always acted in love. His heart was always pure. Yet when He came to earth, the people didn't stop sinning and worship Him. Instead they did something even more sinful: they killed Him on the cross.

This all sounds like bad news, but the Bible says it was all actually part of God's plan. You see, because our sin separates us from God, we

## In the Word (Continued)

needed someone to take our sins away. Our memory verse says that on the cross, God made Jesus, who had no sin, to become sin for us, taking our sins away and putting them on Himself. He took the punishment we deserve for our sins so that we could receive Jesus' righteousness (sinlessness) instead. Then on the third day, He rose from the dead, defeating death. Now He offers us a chance to have our sins forgiven and spend eternity (forever) with God in heaven!

So how can you have your sins forgiven and be with God forever? All you have to do admit that you are a sinner who needs Jesus, believe that He died on the cross for you and rose again from the dead, and ask Him to forgive your sins and be the Lord (Master) and Savior of your life. Then He will forgive you and you will get to spend eternity with 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

- 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. Be an example to them of what a follower of Jesus looks like and be ready to tell them about the Lord.

### 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.

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, 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.