

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

**10-17 year olds**

Week 8

*Make Disciples*

# Make Disciples

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 encourage the players to share the Gospel message with others in order to make disciples.

## Scripture Passage:

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (Memory Verse, Matthew 28:19, in **bold**)

## Coaches Guide

Last week, we learned that Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, and rose again in order to save us, and that by trusting in Him and asking Him to forgive our sins and be our Lord and Savior, we can become His disciples and live with Him forever in heaven. This wonderful message is known as the Gospel, a word that means, “Good News.”

Jesus wants not only you or me, but all people to be His disciples. In His last words on earth (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus commanded His followers to go into the world and make disciples out of others. We do this by sharing the Gospel message with people and teaching them the things that Jesus taught, which we can find in His Word.

Making disciples doesn't have to be something big and dramatic, like preaching a sermon to great crowds or flying to another country to share the Gospel. It can be as simple as inviting a friend to church, or following Jesus' commands and looking for a chance to share why you live this way, or helping someone in need and then telling them about the love of God. Our schools, sports teams, neighborhoods, and even our homes can all be places where we can share the Gospel.

It's important to remember that Jesus doesn't send us out to make disciples on our own. His command is surrounded by promises that He is in control of everything (vs. 18), and that He will always be with us (vs. 20). Making disciples isn't all up to us. If we are faithful to share the Gospel with others, God will take care of the rest.

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. Last week, we learned about the Gospel message. What is this message? In other words, what did Jesus do to save us, and how can we become His disciples?
2. What does it mean to "make disciples" of other people? How do we turn others into disciples of Jesus?
3. Do you have to be a pastor or missionary in order to make disciples? What are some practical ways that you can spread the Gospel to others? Who are some people you can share with?
4. Is the job of making disciples all up to us? How does Jesus promise to help us (verses 18 and 20)?

## On the Field

- Some of you may play soccer (or another sport) in another league, or in your neighborhood. Share about Jesus with your teammates there, since they might not know about Him.
- Next year, older kids might think about serving in the sports leagues as a way to make disciples among the younger kids in the program.

## Off the Field

- When you live like a Christian around your unbelieving friends, they may ask you why you do or don't do certain things. This is a great opportunity to share the Gospel.
- Look for someone you can help, such as an elderly neighbor who needs someone to rake leaves or shovel snow, so that you might have an opportunity to tell them about the love of God.
- Pray and look for and opportunity to invite someone who doesn't know Jesus out to church with you.

## The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize Matthew 28:19 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. Have each of the players think of someone they know who is not a believer, whom they would like to share the Gospel with. Talk about ways they can do so, and pray that that person would trust in Jesus.