

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

10-17's

Sports Devos

Week 8

The Gospel

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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 present the Gospel to the players, showing them that only by putting their faith in Christ can they love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Scripture Passages:

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

Romans 3:23

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Coaches Guide

This week will serve as a culmination of all we have looked at this year. In Mark 12:30-31, we have seen what Jesus said are the two most important things a person can do: loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and loving our neighbors as ourselves. As you have all tried to follow these commands, you might have noticed that we can't always do all these things perfectly. As Romans 3:23 shows us, sin gets in the way and causes us to fall short of God's perfect standard. Earlier this season, we read Romans 6:23 and found out that the wages of sin is death. On our own, we have no ability to obey God, so we all face the same danger of death: not just physical death, but eternal separation from God.

This is why Jesus came. He lived a perfect life and yet was killed as a criminal to pay the penalty for our sin. Then, He rose again, defeating death. To be forgiven from our sins and receive everlasting life, we only need to confess our sins, believe He died and rose again to forgive our sins, and confess Him as Lord and Savior.

It's important to note that Jesus not only forgives our sins and brings us to Heaven in the future, but He also changes our lives today. Without Him, we have no shot at obeying Mark 12:30-31, but when He is our Lord and Savior, He gives us the power to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves. After spending this season building a relationship with your team, this would be a great week to share your story of how you came to know 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. How have your attempts to obey Mark 12:30-31 this season been? Have you been perfect at it? Have some players share some of the challenges to obey what they've been learning.
2. What do you think Romans 3:23 means? Do you remember Romans 6:23? Why is that bad news?
3. Read John 3:16, then share your testimony of how you came to know Jesus with your team. Offer them a chance to make Jesus their Lord and Savior if they haven't already.
4. How do you think knowing Jesus affects your life here on earth today?

On the Field

- Without making Jesus your Lord and Savior first, none of the things we talked about this year are possible. If you haven't yet, ask Jesus to forgive your sins and be your Lord and Savior.
- You can't love the Lord on your own strength. Only Jesus can do that through you. Whenever you are tempted to sin on the soccer field, ask Jesus for help to follow Him and keep His commands.

Off the Field

- Just like on the soccer field, without Jesus' help you cannot obey God in everyday life. Think about a sin in your life that you struggle with and ask Jesus to help you overcome that sin.
- The news that Jesus is so great that everyone needs to know. Think of friends and family that are not Christians and tell them all about how Jesus can be their Lord and Savior too.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, Mark 12:31. Anyone who can recite it to you will get a ticket for snack stand prizes.
2. There is no memory verse this week, as it is the final week.
3. **Invite the players to ask Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. Stress to them that this is the most important decision they could ever make. Playing soccer is great, but without Jesus, this all becomes meaningless. Welcome any new believers into the family of God.**