

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

10-18's

Sports Devos

Week 2

Be Transformed

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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 lesson will teach students not to act like those around them, but to do the right thing no matter what others are doing.

Scripture Passage:

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2

Coaches Guide

Romans 12:1 contrasts two different ways we can live. The first is the way of being conformed. Conformity seeks to blend in to its surroundings. The person who is conformed does what everyone around them is doing, even if everyone is doing the wrong thing. They conform themselves to “the world,” a term the Bible uses for unbelievers.

In contrast, the transformed person lives a life that is completely changed. It is different from the old life that person used to live before they became a Christian, and it is different from all the unbelievers around them. The transformed person is not different for the sake of being different. The transformed believer lives differently because they seek to do what is right, whether or not the people around them are doing the same thing.

When it comes to how we act, our natural human tendency is to conform. When others are being mean, we join in. When someone starts a fight, we want to fight back. When we get in trouble, we blame others and point out those who were doing the same. When we encounter peer pressure, we do what we know is wrong because it is harder to do what's right. However, living a life that is transformed means we don't act based on what others are doing. Being transformed means we seek to please the Lord in everything we do. Being transformed means that our lives are an example to unbelievers of what the good, acceptable, perfect will of God looks like.

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 Court" gives some in-game situations where today's lesson can be applied, while "Off the Court" 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. What do you think Paul means by "conformed," "the world" and "transformed"? What should we not be conformed to and what should we transform into?
2. Can you think of situations when you might be tempted to conform to what others are doing? How can you live a life that is transformed by Christ in that situation?
3. How can living transformed show unbelievers what the good, acceptable, perfect will of God looks like?
4. What are some characteristics of your unbelieving friends? How should you as a Christian live differently?

On the Court

- If your opponents, teammates, or even coaches or parents are doing the wrong thing, that does not make it okay to join them. Choose not to be conformed to those who are acting like the world.
- Instead, being transformed means that you should be the leader in doing right. Be the one who is encouraging when others are being unkind. Have a good attitude even when those around you do not.

Off the Court

- It is harder not to be conformed to the world when we surround ourselves with worldly people. Make wise choices about the friends you spend time with and surround yourself with people who will lead you closer to Jesus.
- Being transformed means living differently. People should notice a difference between you and your unsaved friends. When you see others doing the wrong thing this week, make the decision to do the right thing instead.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, Romans 12:1. Anyone who can recite it to you will get a ticket for snack stand prizes.
2. Learn and memorize Romans 12:2 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. This week, emphasize accountability for our own actions, not the actions of others. Tell your team that no matter what they might see others doing, their focus should be on honoring the Lord in whatever they are doing.