

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BASKETBALL DEVOTIONS

10-18 year olds

Week 2

Making Disciples

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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 the players that as believers, we should be taking what we've learned about the Lord and spreading it to others.

Scripture Passage:

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2

Coaches Guide

Most of us didn't learn basketball all on our own. Someone (most likely a coach) taught us how to play, who had to learn from someone else, and so on and so on. The coach's responsibility is to take what he or she has learned about basketball from others and pass it on to the players.

In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul says that the same thing works spiritually. Timothy had learned all about the Lord from Paul. In the verse, Paul tells Timothy to teach these things to others, who could then pass them on further. When we tell others about Jesus and teach them more about Him, the Bible calls that making disciples. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus says that making disciples is the job not just of pastors or missionaries, but all believers. We all have the responsibility to make disciples.

You don't have to be a Bible expert in order to make disciples. You might not know everything about the Bible, but you can tell others what you do know: that God loves us, that Jesus died to forgive our sins, and that we can be saved by believing in Him. Sharing about what Jesus did for us on the cross is the first and most important step in making disciples.

A lot of us get scared when we think about making disciples since we imagine going up to strangers and telling them about Jesus, but there are other ways to do this. You could invite people to go with you to youth group, bring up what God is teaching you in a normal conversation, or even just live a godly life and answer when others ask what makes you different. Just look for an opportunity to share your faith and take it.

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. Who taught you how to play basketball? Who taught them? How is this similar to how you learned about the Lord? Who first taught you about Him? Share how you first learned.
2. What is Paul saying to do in 2 Timothy 2:2? What does that mean for us today? What does it mean to "make disciples"?
3. Whose responsibility is it to make disciples? All Christians or just the "spiritual" ones?
4. How do we make disciples? Who are some people you can talk to about the Lord? What are some ways you might get a chance to share your faith with them?

On the Court

- Do you play basketball in your neighborhood, for another team, or at a public school? That could be a good place to tell others about Jesus and make disciples. Set a godly example and then look for opportunities to share your faith.
- There may be people watching your game today who do not believe in Jesus. Be ready to share your faith with others while you are here.

Off the Court

- Share how you came to know the Lord with an unbelieving friend or family member.
- Try inviting some unbelieving friends to youth group.
- Are you afraid to talk about your faith with others? Pray for courage and then look for opportunities to share.
- If you have Christian friends, start a Bible study with them and discuss ways you can grow in your walks with the Lord.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, 2 Timothy 2:1, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize 2 Timothy 2:2 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. Have the players all come up with someone they know who is not a believer or doesn't know much about the Lord. Encourage them to talk about their faith with that person the next time they see them.