

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BASKETBALL DEVOTIONS

## 4-9 year olds

Week 2

*Making Disciples*

# Making 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.

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 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

## In the Word

How many of you were born knowing how to dribble or shoot a basketball? None of us! A coach or parent had to teach us these things. And where do you think they learned how to play basketball? Someone had to teach them, and so on and so on. Your coaches are here to pass what they know about basketball on to you, and maybe one day you will be able to teach someone else. This is exactly what Paul had in mind when he wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2.

Last week, we read that Paul instructed Timothy to be strong in grace, which means to grow strong in his walk with the Lord. Paul had taught Timothy all kinds of things about what it means to be a follower of Christ, but he didn't want Timothy to keep all this wisdom to himself. In 2 Timothy 2:2, he tells Timothy to teach what he'd learned to faithful (trustworthy) men who could then teach them to others as well. Like a coach, Timothy was supposed to take what he knew about the Lord and pass it on to others.

When someone teaches others what he or she has learned about the Lord, it's called making disciples (a disciple is a follower of Jesus). Making disciples is not just a job for pastors, missionaries, or Sunday School teachers. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commands all Christians to go out and make disciples. Your Sunday School teachers, parents, or coaches do this when they teach you about the Lord. Like Timothy, it's your responsibility to take what you've learned about the Lord from them

## In the Word (Continued)

and make disciples of the people around you. That could include your friends at school, younger brothers and sisters, unsaved family members, and anyone else you know.

You don't have to be experts or know everything about the Bible in order to make disciples. You can tell them what you do know: that Jesus loves us, that He died for us to forgive our sins, that He rose again, and that you can be forgiven and live with Him forever if you ask Him to be your Lord and Savior. You can also share about the good things God has done in your life or tell them what you're learning about the Lord in Sunday School or here at basketball. When you do that, you are helping to spread the Good News of Jesus (called the Gospel) throughout the whole world and you will grow stronger in grace, as we talked about last week.

"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.

### 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.
- There may be people watching your game today who do not believe in Jesus. Play in a way that honors the Lord and be sure to share about Him with them if you get the chance.

### Off the Court

- Pay close attention in Sunday School. If you learn something new about the Lord, share it with your friends.
- Do you have an unsaved friend or family member? Tell them about Jesus. Share what the Lord has done in your life.
- Encourage your Christian friends to tell other people about Jesus and make disciples.

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, 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 share about Jesus with that person the next time they see them.