

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BASKETBALL DEVOTIONS

10-18 year olds

Week 6

Obey Your Parents

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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 kids about the importance of obeying their parents.

Scripture Passage:

"Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."

Colossians 3:20

Coaches Guide

In all the Bible, there is only one commandment that is specifically addressed to children: obey your parents. God doesn't ask kids to earn a living or take care of their families, but He does ask that children obey those He has set in authority over them.

God has entrusted parents with the important duty to raise their kids. That "parent," in some kids' cases, could be an grandparent, uncle, aunt, or guardian, and this also applies to them. They are responsible to take care of their children and offer wisdom and instruction. In response, God wants kids to obey the parents God has given them, knowing that the things their parents command are for their own good. God also puts other authorities in children's lives, like teachers and coaches, and they should be obeyed as well, but a child's primary authority is their parent.

It's important to notice that children are told to obey "in all things." It doesn't matter if the child wants to obey, or if obedience is convenient, or if what they're asked to do makes sense to them, or if they think they know better than their parents. Children are to trust that their parents are doing what is best for them, and ultimately trust God, who gave parents their authority in the first place. Because a parent's authority comes from God, when children obey their parents, they are actually obeying the Lord. That's why our verse says that obedience is well pleasing to Him. If a child is serious about following the Lord, they must obey the parents God has given them.

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. Do you know the only commandment in the Bible that is addressed to children? Why do you think God chose this to be the commandment He gave to children?
2. Why does God give us parents? What role do they play in our lives? Why is it important that we obey them?
3. In what ways is it easy for you to obey your parents? In what ways is it difficult?
4. What is our reason and motivation for obeying our parents, according to Colossians 3:20? When we obey our parents, who are we really obeying?

On the Court

- Even at basketball, your parents are still your authority. Obey them and live the way they've taught you to live, even when they're not around.
- Your coaches and the refs are also authorities that deserve your obedience and respect. Listen to the things that they ask you to do.

Off the Court

- Obedience to your parents is very simple. When they ask you to do something, do it!
- When you obey, your attitude matters. Listen to your parents without arguing or complaining.
- While parents/guardians are the primary authorities God has placed in your life, we should be obedient to all authorities, such as teachers and other adults.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize Colossians 3:20 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. Help give the kids appreciation for all that their parents do for them, and encourage them to thank their parents and show appreciation for them.