

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BASKETBALL DEVOTIONS

## 4-9 year olds

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*He Remains Faithful*

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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.

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 kids that even when we mess up and sin, God is faithful to forgive and cleanse us.

## Scripture Passage:

“This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. **If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.**”

2 Timothy 2:11-13 (Memory Verse, 2 Timothy 2:13, in **bold**)

## In the Word

Last week, we learned about the Gospel, which is the good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we can be forgiven. When we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, He tells us to live His way. All season, we've been learning how He wants us to live: by enduring suffering like a soldier, obeying God's rules like an athlete, and working hard like a farmer. Living God's way is difficult, and we will make mistakes and sin. That's why today's memory verse is so important: even when we are faithless, He remains faithful.

In 2 Timothy 2:11-12, Paul talks about two choices we might make. If we choose to follow Jesus and give our lives for Him, even if that means suffering, we will live in His kingdom with Him forever. However, if we reject God, we will be separated from Him forever. But what about people who believe in Jesus and ask Him for forgiveness, but then mess up and make a mistake? What happens to Christians when we sin? That's what our memory verse, verse 13, is all about.

Our verse says that even when we are faithless, Jesus is faithful. When someone is faithful, it means that they do what they say they'll do without letting you down. The opposite of that, being faithless, would then mean letting someone down by not doing what you promised. What our verse is saying is that even if we mess up and sin, Jesus will never let us down. He will never break His promises to us. And what does Jesus promise to do? 1 John 1:9 says that if we confess our sins (tell Him that

## In the Word (Continued)

what we did was wrong), He is faithful to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from them. When a Christian messes up and sins, God doesn't give up on you or turn you away. He forgives you and cleanses you from that sin. Jesus is faithful to do that. No matter how many times we sin, He is always there to forgive us and cleanse us.

As believers, you and I should do our best to follow Jesus and obey His commands, but sometimes we will fail. Yet even when we sin, we don't have to fear that God will turn His back on us and reject us. He promised to forgive our sins, and He is faithful to keep that promise. Not only that, but He doesn't leave us in our sin, He cleanses us from that sin, helping us not to do it again so that we can try to be faithful to Him. But even when we are faithless to Him, He is always faithful to us.

"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

- As believers, we should all try to respect others on the court, but sometimes our emotions get the best of us. When that happens, remember that Jesus is faithful to forgive us, apologize, and work to do better next time.
- Jesus is faithful to forgive our mistakes, so we should forgive our teammates when they mess up too.

### Off the Court

- When you sin, pray and confess that sin to Jesus. He promises that when we do that, He will forgive us and cleanse us from that sin.
- Don't let sin become a pattern. Jesus is faithful to forgive you when you sin, but he also cleanses us so that we can obey Him the next time.
- If Jesus can forgive us when we sin, we should be able to forgive others.

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 2:8, "Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel." Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize 2 Timothy 2:13 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.