

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

10-17 year olds

Week 9

Put It Into Practice

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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 study will review what the kids have learned this season and encourage them to put what they've learned into practice.

Scripture Passage:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4:8-9

Coaches Guide

This season we have gone through Philippians 4:8 and learned how we should think about, and then say and do, things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. Hopefully the players have learned a lot about the Lord and what He wants us to do, but the next verse tells us we can't stop at learning these things. Philippians 4:9 says we have to actually put them into practice.

It's great to study and learn the things that are in the Bible, but they mean nothing if we aren't letting Scripture impact our lives. We have to take the things we have learned and, as Paul says, put them into practice. That means not just doing them once or twice, but making them a habit.

In the verse, Paul doesn't tell the Philippians just to do what he taught them, but to imitate what they saw in his life. Paul offered himself as an example of what godly living should look like. As coaches, your main purpose in this league is to model Christ to these kids so that they know how to live for Him. That doesn't mean you'll be perfect, but you should be setting the example of the things we are learning for the kids to look up to, admitting when you fall short.

Verse 9 ends by promising that the God of peace will be with us. He isn't saying that God will only be with us if we put these things into practice, but that as believers, we know that God will be with us to help us obey Him. Putting these things into practice is difficult, but God will be there to help us and give us the power to follow Him.

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 Field" gives some in-game situations where today's lesson can be applied, while "Off the Field" 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 are some things you have learned in one of our devotion times this year? Has anything had an impact on your life?
2. What does it mean to put the things you've learned into practice? Have you been doing that this season?
3. In verse 9, Paul presents himself as an example of godly living for the believers to imitate. Who are some godly examples in your life?
4. Why do you think Paul says at the end of the verse that the God of peace will be with them? Why is that important?

On the Field

- It's easy to talk about showing good sportsmanship, but once the game starts, you need to actually put it into practice.
- Just as Paul set himself as an example, your coaches should be an example of what godly character should look like, and you should follow their example.
- Has your team struggled with being gracious in victory or defeat, being kind to the other team, or respecting the ref? Pray that the God of peace would help you to obey Him.

Off the Field

- We can't put God's Word into practice if we don't know what it says. Make sure to read His Word daily.
- Who are some godly examples in your life? Make sure to learn from and follow their example, and try to be a godly example for others.
- Whenever you read your Bible or are part of a Bible study, try to think of ways that you can put God's Word into practice.
- When obeying God is hard, pray and ask the God of peace to be with you and help you.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, 2 Corinthians 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Give a ticket to anyone who can recite it.
2. Since this is the last week, there is no new memory verse.
3. This is your final week with your team. Feel free to use this time to address anything you feel needs to be addressed with them.