



Devotion- First Practice Week (Jan. 21-Feb4)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Very Best

Bible Story: Cain and Able
Genesis 4

Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel. Abel took care of sheep. Cain worked the ground. Cain gave some things he had grown as an offering to the Lord. They were not the best he had so the Lord was not pleased with his offering. Abel brought the very best lambs as an offering to the Lord and because they were the very best he had the Lord was pleased with his offering.

Questions:

1. Why was God not pleased with Cain's offering?
2. Why was God pleased with Abel's offering?
3. Should we give our very best to God?
4. Why is it important to give our very best?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for this team that we get to play together with. Please help us to give our very best to you and our team mates. – Amen

A Good Sport gives their Very Best!



Devotion- Week 1 Game (Feb 11)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keyword: Kind

Bible Story: The Good Samaritan
Luke 10

Jesus told this story to the people: A man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way, robbers attacked him, stripped off his clothes, beat him and left him on the side of the road almost dead. A priest came by and saw the man, but passed by on the other side. A Levite walked by, saw the man and also passed him by. A Samaritan came by and saw the man. He felt sorry for him and took care of his injuries. He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn and took care of him.

Questions:

1. Which of the three do you think was kind to the man who was attacked? The priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan?
2. How was he kind?
3. When we play soccer, how can we be kind to the other team?
4. Why is it important to be kind?

Example Prayer:

Lord, please help us be kind to our team mates and also to the other teams that we play. Thank you for all the fun we have and help keep us safe. – Amen

A Good Sport is Kind!



Devotion- Week 2 Game (Feb 18)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Don't Give Up

Bible Story: A Man Who Could Not Walk
Mark 2; Luke 5

One day Jesus was teaching. Some men came carrying a friend who could not walk. They could not get close to Jesus because of the crowd. But they didn't give up. They went to the roof and made a hole in the roof above Jesus. They lowered their friend through the hole on a mat into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw they had faith, he told the man to "get up. Take your mat and go home." Right away the man stood up. He took his mat and went home praising God.

Questions:

1. Why were the men trying to get their friend to see Jesus?
2. Did the men succeed or fail the first time they tried to get their friend close to Jesus? Why?
3. What did they do when they could not get their friend close to Jesus on their first attempt?
4. What do you think would have happened if the friends gave up trying to get the man to Jesus?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for my team mates and friends who don't give up. Help us do our very best and keep us safe. – Amen

A Good Sport Doesn't Give Up!



Devotion- Week 3 Game (Feb 25)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Obey the Rules

Bible Story: Adam, Eve, and the Serpent
Genesis 3

One day in the garden the serpent asked Eve, “Did God really say that you must not eat the fruit of any tree in the garden?” Eve said, “We can eat the fruit of the trees that are in the garden, but we must not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. If we do, we will die.” The serpent said, “You will not die.” The serpent offered Eve the fruit from the tree and Eve took the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam and he ate it. When God found out they had eaten from the tree in the middle of the garden He drove them out of the garden.

Questions:

1. What rule did God have about the garden?
2. Why did God tell them not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden?
3. What happened when Adam and Eve didn't obey the rule?
4. Why do we have rules?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for giving us rules to help keep us safe. Please help us remember and obey the rules of soccer. – Amen

A Good Sport Obeyes the Rules!



Devotion- Week 4 Game (Mar 3)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Listen

Bible Story: Mary and Martha

Luke 10

Jesus came to visit a village where Mary and Martha lived to visit them. Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was busy with the things that had to be done. Martha came to Jesus and said, "My sister, Mary has left me to do all the work. Tell her to help me." Jesus answered, "You are upset about working, but Mary has chosen what is better."

Questions:

1. What were Mary and Martha doing while Jesus visited?
2. Why was Martha mad?
3. What did Jesus tell Martha?
4. Why is it important for us to listen?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for our parents, teachers, and coaches. Please help us listen to them. –
Amen

A Good Sport Listens!



Devotion- Week 5 Game (Mar 10)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Good Attitude

Bible Story: The Bronze Snake
Numbers 21

The people of Israel had bad attitudes. They grumbled against God and said, “Why has God brought us out of Egypt to die in the desert? We don’t have bread. We don’t have water. We hate the food that He has provided.” Because of their bad attitude, God sent poisonous snakes to the people. They snakes bit them and many people died. The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away.” So Moses prayed for the people. God told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. Anyone who is bitten can look at it and will not die.

Questions:

1. Did the people of Israel have a good attitude or bad attitude?
2. What did God do when the people of Israel grumbled?
3. Why did God send the snakes?
4. Why should we have good attitudes when we play together?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for everything you have given us. Please help us have a good attitude when we play together. – Amen

A Good Sport has a Good Attitude!



Devotion- Week 6 Game (Mar 17)

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Keywords: Follow Directions

Bible Story: Noah and the Ark
Genesis 6

God told Noah to build a great Ark. He told him how high to build it, how long to build it and how wide to build it. He told him what food to put on the ark. Noah followed God's directions and built a great ark. When he had finished God sent the animals to Noah to put in the ark. After all the animals were inside, Noah took his family and went into the ark. God shut the door of the ark and made it rain until the entire earth was flooded with water.

Questions:

1. What directions did God give Noah?
2. Did Noah follow all the directions of God?
3. What would happen if Noah didn't follow the directions?
4. Why is it important for us to follow directions?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for giving us directions to help keep us safe. Please help us learn to follow directions so that we can have a fun and safe time at soccer. – Amen

A Good Sport Follows Directions!



Devotion- Week 7 Game (Mar 24)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Stick Together

Bible Story: A Very Hot Fire
Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar made a statue covered with gold. Then he told all the people to worship the gold statue. If you don't, you will be thrown into a blazing furnace. Some men told the king that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego weren't worshipping the gold statue. The king became angry and told the three friends that if they didn't worship the statue they would burn in a fire. They said, "Our God is able to bring us out of it alive. But if He decides not to save us, we still would not worship the gold statue." Then the king had the three friends thrown into the fire, but they did not burn. They came out of the fire without any harm. Their robes weren't burned and they didn't even smell like smoke.

Questions:

1. What did the King want all the people to do?
2. Why do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego wouldn't do what the king wanted?
3. Did any of the friends back down when the king threatened to put them into the fire?
4. What happened when the friends were thrown into the fire?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for our teammates and coaches. Help us stick together and support one another as we play. – Amen

A Good Sport Sticks Together with the team!



Devotion- Week 8 Game (Mar 31)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Bully

Bible Story: David and Goliath
1 Samuel 17

David went to the battle lines to greet his brothers. As David was talking with them Goliath stepped forward. He was over 9 feet tall and a big bully. He dared someone to fight him. David told King Saul that he would fight him but Saul said, “You are too young.” David said God would save him from the Philistine. Then David went to a stream and chose five stones. He took his sling and approached Goliath. He took out a stone, put it in his sling and slung it at Goliath. The stone hit him on the forehead and Goliath fell to the ground. When the Philistine army saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran away.

Questions:

1. Who was bigger, David or Goliath?
2. Why wasn't David afraid of Goliath?
3. What happened to the army when Goliath went down?
4. What is a bully?

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for our friends and teammates. Help us be friendly to the other teams that we play so that we won't be seen as bullies. – Amen

A Good Sport is never a Bully!



Devotion- Week 9 (Apr 4th)

Spring 2012 Theme: Good Sport

Keywords: Love

Bible Story: Coach's Testimony

Coach tells testimony emphasizing that God loves us and sent His son for us.
(Remember to keep it simple!)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave his only son. That whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.

Example Prayer:

Lord, thank you for loving us so much. We love you too. – Amen

A Good Sport knows God Loves them!