

BASKETBALL

WEEK 1 Scripture	TEAMWORK - 1 Corinthians 12:12 - As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.
WEEK 1 Reflection	Jesus put together a great team of Apostles and Disciples. Together they spread out and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together as a team, you can also work together to support each other and to live this same message while enjoying the game of basketball. Remember, many parts but one body in Christ!!
WEEK 2 Scripture	DEDICATION - Psalms 127:1 - Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch.
WEEK 2 Reflection	There is a saying in basketball - "Leave it all on the court!" We give our all in many things in life. We always try to do our best, to play our best, to be our best. If everyone on our team gives their best, then we are strong. Remember that Jesus gave us his best when he went to the cross for all of us. Can we do any less? Can we do anything without Christ leading the way?
WEEK 3 Scripture	FOLLOWING THE RULES - Deuteronomy 5:1 - Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances which I proclaim in your hearing this day, that you may learn them and take care to observe them.
WEEK 3 Reflection	The referees in the game are there to protect all of us. God gave us rules and ideals to live by. Rules are there to enhance our experience, not hurt them. As we go on the court today, let us follow the rules and respect those who help us to be safe and have fun.
WEEK 4 Scripture	HUMILITY - James 4:6 - "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
WEEK 4 Reflection	Being humble allows us to learn. When we think we know it all or when we think we are better than all around of us, we tend to close off possibilities to learn how to play and to learn about ourselves. Being humble makes us a better person and a better teammate.
WEEK 5 Scripture	FOCUS - Proverbs 4:25-26 - Let your eyes look straight ahead and your gaze be focused forward. Survey the path for your feet, and all your ways will be sure.

WEEK 5 Reflection	We need to keep our minds in the game, whether it be basketball or school or life. Keep focused on the important stuff. Make sure you are on the right path and that you stay focused on Christ.
WEEK 6 Scripture	SUCCEEDING THROUGH CHRIST - Philippians 4:13 - I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.
WEEK 6 Reflection	If we hold God first in our lives and live for Him, we will succeed. For everything we do, we should focus on the fact that it is for God. Putting God first in your life, even in basketball, allows us to be on His team. Our strength is found in his love and mercy.