



Soccer Value Lessons
TEAMWORK

PSO Soccer Devotions

Season Theme: TEAMWORK – Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Dear Coaches and Devotions Leaders. One of the great privileges of participating in the PSO Soccer league is the opportunity we have to build the physical and spiritual lives of the boys and girls on our teams.

To help you intentionally speak truth into the lives of our kids and build their ideals and character, we put together this devotional packet. There are lessons for each week: 8 regular and two playoff games.

Each lesson has a picture for a visual aid and an outline for your devotion. Before each game, print out the two pages for that week and paste them together. The picture is for the teams to see and get their attention. The outline is there for you to use to organize your thoughts. Feel free to make any changes so that the words and message come from you and are tailored for the needs of your teams.

We recommend that the home team devotional leader call both teams to the center of the field to “take a knee” together as a sign of unity and sportsmanship. Home teams are responsible for bringing the devotion. Away team be prepared to do the devotions, just in case.

Please be intentional about doing these devotions. Each week’s lesson builds on the previous ones and are meant to inspire our kids to strive to live GRATEFUL lives.

Thank you all for your commitment to our kids. May God Bless you and your words to our teams.



Together

Everyone

As One

Motivates

Winning

Overcoming

Rejoicing

Keeps You Going



Week 1 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, this season we're going to focus on the meaning of teamwork. What is teamwork? That's right – working together to get something done. Do you know that working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done? Each week, we'll take a letter and use it to help us understand teamwork. This week we'll start with T.

The T in Teamwork stands for TOGETHER.

How many players can be on the field on your soccer team? Seven? What if only one player showed up for your game today? Would he be able to beat a team of 7 other players? NO! A team needs to be TOGETHER to play and when they play together as a team, they are more likely to WIN.

Here's what the Bible says:

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT

The Bible says when we work together it's hard to be beat. A team is like a strong rope that's made up of many strands all woven together. The more strands – the more strength. When a team works together it is strong.

Let's pray. Dear Lord, thank you for giving us the opportunity to work together as a team. Help us to find strength in each other and in you. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.



Week 2 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. This week we're going to talk about E.

The E in Teamwork stands for EVERYONE.

Do you know that players on a team are like parts of a body? Every player has a special job just like each part of the body has its own special purpose.

Here's what the Bible says:

"GOD makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16 NLT

The Bible says everyone on a team has a special job. A special role that ONLY YOU can play. You don't need to be exactly like the player next to you. GOD made you unique – just perfectly made to fit together with those around you to make up a great team. What if your nose wanted to be a foot, or the foot wanted to be the stomach. How could you live? No. Each part is made to do its own special job. Everyone has ONE thing they are made to do just right.

Let's pray. Dear Lord, thank you for making me just like I am. You have a special job for me to do. Help each one of us know what our special role is on your team. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.



Week 3 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. This week we're going to talk about A.

The A in Teamwork stands for AS ONE.

What does working "AS ONE" mean? It means that everyone has the same goal in mind and they are all working to make sure that goal is achieved. Does anyone know what this picture is? It's U.S. Marines. Once in a great and furious battle they had to fight to the top of a tall, bloody mountain. They did it. This picture shows them raising our flag in victory. They had one goal. They all worked with that one goal in mind. And WON!

Here's what the Bible says:

"Make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." Philippians 2:2 NLT

The Bible says we make God and his people happy when we give 100% of ourselves to God's goal, when we respect each other in working to that goal and we get up and do it together AS ONE. Just like these Marines did in their battle, we can work AS ONE to do great things.

Let's pray. Dear Lord, you are pleased when we join together to work for you. Help us to practice playing AS ONE on this team today and on YOUR team for the rest of our lives. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.



Week 4 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. A? AS ONE. This week we're going to talk about M.

The M in Teamwork stands for MOTIVATES.

What does MOTIVATES mean? It's when something makes you feel strong and you start doing great things. When you're motivated it means you're excited and you get busy making something happen. When a team is working well it motivates everyone on the team to get excited and do even better.

Here's what the Bible says:

"Encourage one another and build one another up!" 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

The Bible says we should give each other courage and cheer each other on. What are these teammates doing? Cheering each other on. When a team is working together each person on the team feels stronger and does better. Great teams motivate their team members to be even greater.

Let's pray. Dear Father GOD, thank you for the encouragement and motivation you give us through Christ your Son and your Holy Spirit. Help us to motivate and build up our teammates too. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.

**Jesus Wins
We Win**



Week 5 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. A? AS ONE. M? MOTIVATES! This week we're going to talk about W.

The W in Teamwork stands for WINNING.

One of the great things about sports is that every game has a result. You know if you win and you know if you lose. There's no confusion and no questions. For the team that wins – there is a great feeling. A feeling of victory. Everyone on the team feels great – even if you weren't in the game when your team won. In fact, most times, there's only one person that scores the winning goal – but still the whole team gets to win. In life it is kind of like that too. Do you know that long ago Jesus won a great victory for God's team? Do you know that even today each one of us can enjoy that feeling of victory?

Here's what the Bible says:

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT

The Bible says when we we're part of God's team we are winners. God, through his Son Jesus, gives us victory. How does that happen? Jesus fought a great battle and paid a great price to give us a chance to be with him forever. He fought sin and death. And when he died for our sins on the cross, and then came back to life by God's power – he won that battle. He paid a price so you could go with him to heaven. But it's up to you to accept his gift, believe in him and ask for him to take your sins away. Once you do that you share in his victory!

Let's pray. Dear Lord Jesus, speak to our hearts today. Please help each one here to accept your great gift and give their heart to you by praying and asking you to save them from their sins and WIN the victory! Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.



Week 6 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. A? AS ONE. M? MOTIVATES! W? WINNING!

This week we're going to talk about O.

The O in Teamwork stands for OVERCOMING.

Who knows what an obstacle is? It's something that gets in the way of achieving your goal. Just like this wall for this team of runners. Great teams don't let obstacles or set backs get in their way. They just keep on helping each other and keep on trying. There's a saying that goes like this: "Winners never quit and quitters never win." Great teams never quit. They OVERCOME!

Here's what the Bible says:

"And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9 TLB

The Bible says if we keep on trying and doing things the right way we will win a blessing if we don't give up. Great teams overcome obstacles and set backs by never giving up. They OVERCOME!

Let's pray. Dear Lord, please be with us and give us strength when obstacles get in our way. Help us to keep helping each other and trying. Thank you for promising a blessing to us when we OVERCOME. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.



Week 7 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

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This week we're going to talk about R.

The R in Teamwork stands for REJOICING.

What does it mean to rejoice? It means to show your joy! How do we do that? Laughing, cheering, even jumping. When teams work together – it actually can make you want to laugh, cheer and even jump up and down.

Here's what the Bible says:

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers live in harmony!” Psalms 133:1 NLT

The Bible says when we work together as a team it is good and pleasant. It brings us joy. It makes us want to rejoice. So go ahead. If you're team is doing great, laugh, cheer – jump up and down!

Let's pray. Dear Lord, thank you for giving us the opportunity to work together as a team. Help us to always rejoice in each other and in you. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.



Week 8 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. A? AS ONE. M? MOTIVATES! W? WINNING! O? OVERCOMING! R? REJOICING! This week we're going to talk about K.

The K in Teamwork stands for KEEPS YOU GOING.

Great teams don't let each other down. They reach out to each other to keep each other going. They encourage each other, give a hand to those who are exhausted, and lift each other up when they are down. They help each other to KEEP GOING.

Here's what the Bible says:

"Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part. . . warn the freeloaders to get a move on. Gently encourage the stragglers, and reach out for the exhausted, pulling them to their feet. Be patient with each person, be attentive to individual needs." 1 Thessalonians 5:14 MSG

The Bible says great teams look out for each other and help each other to KEEP GOING.

Let's pray. Dear Lord, thank you for each one of our team mates. Help us to always remember to look out for each of them and always help them along. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.

WELCOME TO GOD'S TEAM



Week 9 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, remember what our theme this season is? TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. A? AS ONE. M? MOTIVATES! W? WINNING! O? OVERCOMING! R? REJOICING! K? KEEPS YOU GOING! Can we say it all together? TEAMWORK: Together, everyone working as one, motivates winning, overcoming, rejoicing, and it keeps you going!

How does someone get on a team? Sometimes you get asked to be on a team. Sometimes you ask to join a team. It always takes an action and a decision to get someone on a team – especially for sports.

Do you know that God has a team too? People on God's team come from all over the world. But they're not a sports team. God's team is different. God's team is all about inviting people who don't know God to know God. Just like other teams, to get on God's team you need to make a decision. You need to decide to believe that God sent his Son Jesus to Earth to show us the way to his Father. He did that by living a perfect, obedient life. Jesus was so obedient that he even obeyed when his Father asked him to lay down his life for us all. When Jesus died for us on the Cross he paid for all the bad things we have done. When we accept God's invitation to be on his team, we admit that we've done bad things, we believe that Jesus died to save us from those sins and rose again, and we confess (or say out loud) that we agree to follow him and obey just like he did. This is the only way to know God.

Here's what Jesus said about himself:

"I AM the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE – no one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NLT

Jesus said the only way to get on God's team was to follow him. If you want to follow Jesus and get on God's team, tell your mom and dad or one of us.

Let's pray. Dear Father God, thank you for sending your Son to make a way for us to be together with you. Please help us to make that decision to be on your team. Please bless these teams and our game. Amen



Week 10 – TEAMWORK - Working together honors God, builds friendships and gets things done!

Hello kids, today is the last game of the season. This is the championship game. You know how you got here? By TEAMWORK. Do you remember what the T stands for? TOGETHER. E? EVERYONE. A? AS ONE. M? MOTIVATES! W? WINNING! O? OVERCOMING! R? REJOICING! K? KEEPS YOU GOING!

Let's put it all together: TEAMWORK: Together, everyone as one, motivates winning, overcoming, rejoicing and it keeps you going!

Do you know God loves it when we work together to do his will? He even promises to be with us as we work together. Jesus said, "Where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20 NLT

In fact, Jesus said, that we need him with us to do God's will. Here's what Jesus says:

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing . . . When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.." John 15: 4, 5, 8 NLT

Jesus promised that if we joined God's team he would be with us. He promised that he would help us do God's will and give us the power to win for God. When we stick with Jesus we can never lose!

Let's pray. Dear Lord, thank you for giving us your Son. Help us to live always with Him. Help us to bring honor to your name as win for you! Please bless these teams and our game. Amen.