

THE COACH'S CHALLENGE

CAMP DEVOTIONS



DAY 1 – JESUS IS THE COACH

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-7

GOALS

For campers to understand that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus came to earth to show us the way to be in a relationship with Him, that with Jesus “Nothing is Impossible.”

WARM UP

“Jesus, we thank you for this time to spend with you. We thank you for coming to this earth so that you could make a way for us to be on your Team. Help us now to understand with our hearts and minds what we are about to read from your Game Plan. Amen.”

JUMP IN

Read the passage. Then read a part of the story a second time (Luke 1:26-33). *Read this part of the passage slower the second time and with great emphasis and enthusiasm to keep the children engaged.*

DIG IN

Allow the children some time and space to reflect on what they heard. Ask the children to reflect on the following as they listen to the story a second time:

- What word or phrase stands out to you?
- Who is Jesus?

Allow the children to share their reflections!

DO IT

- Who was the angel who spoke to Mary? (1:26) *Gabriel.*
- How would you respond if you saw an angel? How did Mary respond? (1:29-30) *Confused and afraid.*
- What did the angel tell Mary? (1:31) *That she will have a son named Jesus.*
- What did the angel tell Mary that Jesus will be called? (1:32) *The Son of God Most High*
- What do you think of that? *(That God sent His Son Jesus to this earth).*
- What can God do? (1:37) “Nothing is impossible for God” - God can do anything!
- Why do you think Jesus came to this earth?

Make a timeline - draw a picture of baby Jesus and mark 'the birth of Jesus' at the start.

Memory Verse Challenge! Come up with creative ways to help the children memorize Acts 4:12 (CEV)

HUDDLE

“Thank you Jesus for coming to this earth to show us how much you love us. Thank you for the fun time we were able to have in learning more about you. Jesus, help us to remember that you are the Coach and that your instructions for our life are good and true. Help us to follow you. Amen.”

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DAY 2 - JESUS WANTS YOU ON HIS TEAM

Read Luke 5:1-11

GOALS

For campers to understand that Jesus is perfect, what sin is, that no one is good enough but Jesus still invites everyone to join His Team and makes this possible.

WARM UP

"Thank you Jesus for wanting us on your Team. You are an amazing and loving Coach! We don't deserve to be on your Team, yet you are so kind and full of forgiveness. Help us to understand what we are about to read now. In your name we pray, Amen."

JUMP IN

Read Luke 5:1-11

DIG IN

Act it out! (Optional).

- Assign parts and take some time to act out this story! Parts include: Jesus, crowd of people, Simon Peter, James and John (the other fishermen).
- Narrate the story (slowly) allowing those who have lines to repeat their lines after you.

DO IT

- What was Jesus doing in the boat? (v. 1-3) *Teaching God's message to a crowd of people.*
- What did Jesus tell Simon to do? (v. 4) *To row the boat out and let down their nets.*
- Why was Simon hesitant to do this? (v. 5) *Because they had been fishing all night and had caught nothing.*
- What happened next? What miracle did Jesus perform? (v. 6-7) *So many fish came into their nets that they began to rip. They needed others to help them bring in all the fish!*
- How did Simon respond when this happened? What did He do? (v. 8) *He knelt down before Jesus, and confessed that He was a sinner. He was in awe of Jesus.*
- What is sin? Are we all sinners? *Sin is anything we think, say or do, that goes against what God wants us to think, say or do. We all sin and yet Jesus still wants us to know Him.*
- How would you feel if Peter and Jesus invited you to follow Him? *Here's the thing, Jesus has invited you to be on His Team!*
- How does that make you feel that Jesus would want you to be on His Team?

Make a timeline - draw a picture of Jesus' disciples and write 'Jesus calls His Disciples'

Memory Verse Challenge! - Consider having the kids say it in different 'voices'

HUDDLE

"Thank you Jesus for choosing us to know you and be on your Team. Thank you for forgiving our sins when we ask for forgiveness. Thank you for your great love and power. Help me to follow you at school, at home, everywhere. In your name we pray, Amen."

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DAY 3 - JESUS MADE IT POSSIBLE

Read Luke 23:26-43

GOALS

·For campers to understand that Jesus died for our sins; He sacrificed His life for us because He loves us; this was the only way for us to be in relationship with Him

WARM UP

"Thank you Jesus for your amazing, incredible, perfect love. We are so thankful that you died on the cross for our sins. As we read your story today, help us to meet with you. In your name we pray, Amen."

JUMP IN

Read Luke 23:26-43

DIG IN

Allow the children some time and space to reflect on what they heard. As you read the story again slowly, ask the children to

- Close their eyes and picture what is happening in the story
- Think about Jesus dying for them on the cross.

Allow the children to share their reflections!

DO IT

- Where was Jesus nailed to a cross? (v. 33) *In the place called the skull - Golgotha*
- How did Jesus respond to the soldiers who nailed Him to the cross? (v. 34-35) *He forgave them.*
- What did Jesus promise the criminal who asked for forgiveness? (v. 43) *He promised Him the gift of eternal life - being with Him in paradise.*

Make a timeline - draw a picture of Jesus on the cross and write "Jesus dies on the cross"

Memory Verse Challenge! - Consider having each child say 1 word as you go around the circle.

OPTIONAL ILLUSTRATION - THE TEA BAG GOSPEL. SEE: WWW.SCRIPTUREUNION.CA/MY-CAMP FOR AN EXAMPLE

HUDDLE

"Thank you Jesus for loving us! We admit that we have sinned and that we are sinners. We believe that you died on the cross and took our punishment. We want to commit our lives to you. We thank you for your grace and mercy. You have treated us much better than we ever deserve. We love you, and we believe that you are our Coach! In your name we pray, Amen."

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DAY 4 - YOU CAN JOIN JESUS' TEAM

Read John 20:11-18

GOALS

·For campers to understand that Jesus came back to life, He is alive forever and that we can join His team (ABCs)

WARM UP

"Jesus, thank you for this day that you have made, and that we have the chance to get to know you more right now. Help us to understand what your amazing story means for us. Amen."

JUMP IN

Read John 20:11-18

DIG IN

- What did Mary see when she looked into the tomb? (v.12) *Two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been*
- Why was Mary crying and upset? (v.13) *Because she thought Jesus' body had been taken away - she didn't know where He was!*
- How do you think you would react if you found out that Jesus' body had disappeared?
- Jesus appears to Mary! But who does she think He is? (v.16) *The gardener.*
- What does Jesus say that makes Mary recognize Him, and how does she react? (v.16) *He said her name, and she cried out to Him "Teacher."*
- How would you feel if you suddenly saw someone alive who you knew was dead? Scared, happy, confused?

DO IT

Resurrection Roll (Optional)

- Make a circle of chairs (or cones) and have a dice (big or small)
- Numbers 1-3 will represent Friday, numbers 4-6 will represent Sunday
- Inside the chairs represents the tomb, outside the chairs represents outside the tomb.
- Each round, before you roll the dice, have the children choose if they want to stand outside or inside the the tomb. If you roll a 1, 2 or 3 (Friday), Jesus was still in the tomb (so the people inside the tomb stay in the game), if you roll a 4, 5 or 6 (Sunday), Jesus was alive (so the people outside the tomb stay in the game). Play until there is just one winner!

Make a timeline - draw a super colourful picture labeled "JESUS IS ALIVE!"

Memory Verse Challenge! - Consider cutting the verse into a puzzle for the kids to solve.

HUDDLE

"Dear Jesus, thank you for coming back to life. Your power and love is amazing! We are excited to live with you forever. Help us to always believe and trust in you! In your name we pray, Amen."

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DAY 5 - YOU RECEIVE THE PRIZE

Read Luke 24:36-53

GOALS

For campers to understand that joining Jesus' Team involves the prize of being in a relationship with God forever, Jesus is with us! We also have a PART on Jesus' Team.

WARM UP

"Thank you Jesus for the gift of this day. We are thankful for life, for your love and instruction. Help us now to hear from you as we read your Game Plan. In your name we pray, Amen."

JUMP IN

Read Luke 24:36-53

DIG IN

- Why were Jesus' disciples frightened when Jesus appeared to them? (v. 37) *They thought He was a ghost.*
- How did Jesus show them that He was really alive? (v. 39-43) *He showed them His hands and feet, and He even ate some fish in front of them.*
- What did Jesus say needed to happen? (v. 46) *He needed to suffer, die, and then come back to life.*
- Why did Jesus need to do this? (v. 44 & 47) *Because the Scriptures (the Game Plan) said this needed to happen. This also needed to happen so that people could be forgiven.*
- What did Jesus forgive and save us from? *Sin and death.*
- What do we need to do if we are part of Jesus' Team? (v. 48) *Tell everyone what happened. Tell our friends, family, neighbors etc. about what Jesus did for them!*

DO IT

Make a timeline - draw a picture labeled "Jesus goes back to Heaven"

Today is our final marker; however this is not the end of Jesus' story. Like we said, the story continues! Make one more marker labeled "Jesus is coming back". The Game Plan tells us that Jesus is going to come back, but we just don't know when. So we need to always be ready!

Memory Verse Challenge! - Encourage the children to say it by memory only.

HUDDLE

"Thank you Jesus for this amazing week at Sports Camp. We thank you for the opportunity to learn more about you and your Story. Help us to love you and to tell others about your love and forgiveness. Keep our families safe and let us experience your joy. In your name we pray, Amen."