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YOUTH SOCCER:

2018 U4-U6 Devotional Outline

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Gal. 5: 22-25

WEEK 1

Week of May 28

WELCOME

Welcome to a new season of soccer! I hope you are excited for a fun time together. Each week we are going to do a short talk about Jesus. If you don't believe in God, all we ask during this time is that you listen. If you have questions you can always ask your coach.

WEEK 2

Week of June 4

The Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE

Me and We.

Have you ever noticed all the different kinds of trees growing outside? Do you know how you can tell that a fruit tree is healthy? It's when that tree produces fruit!

The Bible talks about a different kind of fruit and that is the fruit of the spirit. The very first "fruit of the spirit" is LOVE. Who do you love?

God:

The Bible gives a very clear description of love in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-5: "...love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. (NIV)

You:

Here is a challenge for you this week: Show love those around you!

WEEK 3

Week of June 11

The Fruit of the Spirit is JOY

Me & We:

Today we are going to talk about a new Fruit of the Spirit and that is JOY. Joy is great pleasure of happiness. Maybe you feel JOY when you score a goal in soccer or you get a big cookie. What brings you JOY?

God:

A great source of JOY is knowing that God is taking care of you and me.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my hearts trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for JOY, and with my song I praise him." Psalm 28: 7 (NIV)

You:

Here is a challenge for you this week: Even if things don't go exactly as you want them to, show JOY.

WEEK 4

Week of June 18

The Fruit of the Spirit is PEACE

Me & We:

Do you ever argue or fight with other people? Today's fruit of the spirit is PEACE and **PEACE is freedom from fighting. PEACE is quiet and calm.**

God:

God is a God of peace. In the Bible, God tells us to **"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Romans 12: 18 (NLT).** That means that God wants us show peace with other people instead of fighting with them.

You:

Here is your challenge for this week: Keep the peace! If you are upset with someone, calm down and remember that Jesus showed peace.

WEEK 5

Week of June 25

The fruit of the spirit is PATIENCE

Me & We:

Do you like waiting for things? I don't know about you, but most people do NOT like waiting. Waiting means you need to be patient and that is very hard.

God:

In the Bible, there is a story about a man who had to be super patient. His name was David and God chose him to be the next king of Israel. David had to be patient and wait for God's plan. God's timing is perfect and he has a specific plan for each of your lives.

Psalm 27: 14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD." (ESV)

You:

Here is a challenge for this week: if you have to wait for something or somebody this week, remind yourself of the words from the verse. **"Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD."**

WEEK 6

Week of July 2

KINDNESS

Me & We:

There's a lot of people in this world, aren't there? We need to figure out how to get along with each other. I wonder, has someone ever been mean to you? Maybe someone called you a name that hurt your feelings or took something that belonged to you? Have you ever been bullied or excluded? How did that make you feel?

God:

God made you and me, and He loves us very much and in Ephesians 4:32, He commands us to: **"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as**

God in Christ forgave you.” (ESV) Being “tender-hearted” means showing love, gentleness and kindness.

You:

Here is your challenge for the week: Be kind to others; think of ways that you can be tender-hearted, gentle, and kind toward other people.

WEEK 7

Week of July 9

The Fruit of the Spirit is GOODNESS

Me & We:

The word “good” is a word that gets used a lot. We use it when we talk about a person, mom or dad, cookies and ice cream and maybe a veggie or two. A person with good manners may say please and thank you. But what does the word “good” really mean? What on earth does it mean to show “goodness”?

God:

There’s was a Samaritan man who was walking down a lonely road in Israel. He spotted a man who was hurt and lying on the side of the road. He was hurt very badly so the Samaritan saw that he needed help and showed compassion and concern for him. He bandaged up the man’s sores, gave him food and brought him to a place so he could heal. This is a story found in the Bible, it’s called the “good” Samaritan because he showed love, kindness and mercy for another person.

Jesus after telling this story says to those who were following Him, “You go, and do likewise” Luke 10:37

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12: 21

You:

Here is your challenge for this week: look for ways to show goodness. Think of ways that your words and actions can bring healing to others. Say things that you would like other people to say to you. Treat others the way you want them to treat you.

WEEK 8

Week of July 16

FAITHFULNESS

Me & We:

Do you know what changes all the time? Pretty much everything. Seasons change from summer to fall to winter to spring. Day becomes night. People change from baby to child to teenager to adult. But God stays the same always and forever. He is FAITHFUL.

God:

The Bible reminds us often that we can trust in God because He is trustworthy and unchanging. God is faithful. Deuteronomy 7:9 says: "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."

You:

God reminds us that He stays the same. **Here is your challenge this week:** remember that God is faithful.

WEEK 9

Week of July 23

GENTLENESS

Me & We:

Do you know what it means to be gentle? What do you think would happen if we were mean to someone else? They wouldn't be too happy with us. God wants you to treat them with gentleness so that you don't hurt others.

God:

In the Bible, God directs us to "...slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone." Titus 3: 2 (NIV) When we are not gentle, harmful things can happen. While people around us should all be handled with care. Gentleness helps and heals others. Not being gentle hurts and harms others.

You:

You may have seen fragile things with a big "HANDLE WITH CARE" sticker on them. **Your challenge this week** is to pretend that every person you meet has that same

warning sticker pasted on them. "HANDLE WITH CARE". Let your actions be gentle and careful.

WEEK 10

Week of July 30

SELF-CONTROL

Me & We:

Have you ever been angry and, before you knew it, you had thrown a toy across a room or called someone a mean name? Sometimes you may lose control of yourself. It can be so easy to lose control of your thoughts, actions or words especially if you are angry, upset, or excited.

God:

God knows that it is so easy to lose control and He encourages us to manage our actions and our words. The Bible has many parts that teach about self-control and Psalm 141:3 is directed to controlling our words. **"Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips."**

You:

Here is your challenge for this week: practice staying calm and in control of your words and actions.

WEEK 11

Week of August 6

GOSPEL PRESENTATION

Me & We:

Have you ever wondered where we came from? Where earth, animals, and nature came from? I believe the Bible when it says that God made all of this, including us! In fact, God's original plan was for us to enjoy life here on earth and to know Him like we know a friend; to have a relationship with Him. He loves us so much and created us so that we could know His love! Unfortunately, the first humans Adam and Eve chose to go against God's plan and they disobeyed Him, they sinned. The Bible says that "sin" is "missing the mark" or "falling short" of God's plan (Romans 3:23). God is perfect and doesn't like sin at all because of what it does to us. Remember, He loves us so much and wants the best for us, so there needs to be a penalty for sin. The amazing news is that God loves us even though we are separated from Him by our sin!

God:

God chose to give us his perfect (innocent) Son Jesus to pay the price for the wrong we have done and will do. The Bible says: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.— John 3:16 Jesus lived a perfect life and though it brought, He gave Jesus over to be killed and when Jesus died, his perfect blood paid the price for all sin for all people... that includes you and me. 3 days after Jesus died in our place, the Bible says that He rose from the dead!

Me & We:

Now when we trust in Jesus and what He did in our place, God forgives us of all the wrong we have done and we can be in a relationship with Him, just like He originally wanted! Whoever believes that Jesus is God's Son, that He died in their place for their forgiveness, they will be saved. This is the Gospel.

WEEK 12

Week of August 13

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

Use the devotional time this week to ask kids to share something they learned from devotionals this year. At the end please share the responses to your convener.

WEEK 13

Week of August 20

NO DEVOTIONAL. Award Ceremony. Make it fun for the family and players!