



Welcome to our *Game Changer* Devo for week 7! Throughout this series, we are learning what it looks like to be on God's team and that two are better than one! This week, we are learning that On God's Team, Players Can't Win Alone! *Let's get this game started*, we know you will learn so much!

Day 1: Don't Follow the Crowd

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-8

Devotional:

Moses had gone up the mountain to meet with God, and he was gone for a while. The people became impatient. Instead of trusting God and waiting for Moses to return, they gathered around Aaron. They wanted him make them something they could worship. Aaron had to decide. He could stand up for what he knew was right, or he could give in to what everyone else wanted. Sadly, Aaron did what they wanted. He collected their gold and made a golden calf for them to worship. We need friends, parents, teachers, and leaders who encourage us to follow God, even when everyone else is going the other direction. Being on God's team means helping each other make the right choice. Instead of following the crowd, we can encourage one another to follow God!

Discussion:

1. Why do you think Aaron went along with what the people wanted?
2. What can you do when your friends want you to do something you know is wrong?

Prayer:

God, help me make choices that honor You, even when others are making different choices. Give me courage to follow You. Amen!

Day 2: We Need People Who Pray for Us

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:9-18

Devotional:

God saw what the Israelites were doing and told Moses that the people had turned away from Him. Moses could have simply stayed on the mountain and worried only about himself. Instead, Moses cared enough to pray for the people. Even though the Israelites had made a terrible choice, Moses asked God to remember His promises and show them mercy. Moses stood up for the people by bringing their situation before God. This teaches us another important part of being on God's team: *we pray for one another*. We all have moments when we struggle. We get afraid. We make bad choices. We become discouraged. We need people around us who will pray for us and remind us of God's truth.

We weren't meant to follow God all by ourselves. God gives us people who can pray with us, encourage us, and help us keep going.

Discussion:

1. What did Moses do when he learned about the people's sin?
2. Who is someone in your life you can be praying for?

Prayer:

God, thank You for giving me people who care about me. Help me remember to pray for others. Amen!

Day 3: Good Teammates Tell the Truth

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:19-28

Devotional:

When Moses came down the mountain and saw the golden calf, he realized how far the people had turned away from God.

Moses confronted what had happened. When Moses asked Aaron about it, Aaron tried to make excuses. He blamed the people and even made it sound like the golden calf had somehow appeared on its own! Being a good teammate doesn't mean agreeing with everything our friends do. Sometimes being a good friend means lovingly helping someone recognize when they are making a wrong choice. We need people who will encourage us when we're doing well, but we also need people who will lovingly tell us the truth and call us out when we're heading in the wrong direction. On God's team, we help each other follow Him.

Discussion:

1. Why is it sometimes difficult to admit when we do something wrong?
2. How can you lovingly help a friend who is making a bad choice?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me listen when someone corrects me and give me courage to help my friends make good choices too. Amen!

Day 4: We need God and Each Other!

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:29-35

Devotional:

After everything that happened, Moses once again went before God for the people. The Israelites had made a serious mistake, and there were consequences for their choices.

But Moses didn't simply abandon them, instead he still lead and prayed for them. Aaron struggled when he tried to handle the crowd by himself. The Israelites needed someone to remind them to trust God. And all of them desperately needed God's help and forgiveness. We need the same thing. Being on God's team doesn't mean we will never mess up. It means we don't have to face our struggles alone. We need God, and we need each other.

Activity: "You Can't Do It Alone"

Choose a simple task that is very difficult to do alone but much easier with help. For example, have your child try to carry several pillows, stuffed animals, or lightweight objects across the room all at once without dropping them.

After they try alone, have the whole family work together to complete the same challenge. Then talk about the difference. Was it easier to do alone or all together? Finish by talking about the importance of working together rather than alone.

Prayer:

God, thank You that I don't have to follow You alone. Help me encourage others, listen to wise people, and be a good teammate. Amen!



Memory Verse

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."

Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIRV

