

SUNDAY REPLAY

Hi Parents! Welcome to **Week 7** of our *Game Changer* series!

This week in KidZone, kids learned that on God's team, players can't win alone. God created us to depend on Him and on each other. When we try to do things our own way or follow the crowd instead of following God, we can make poor choices. But when we stay connected to God and surround ourselves with wise influences, we grow stronger!

Keep the conversation going at home with this guide and help your child grow in faith.

Memorize Me

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

— Ecclesiastes 4:9

Need to Know

On God's Team, Players Can't Win Alone.

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Aaron and the Golden Calf

(Exodus 32)

While Moses was on the mountain with God, the people of Israel became impatient. They didn't know when he would return, and they grew restless.

Instead of trusting God, they pressured Aaron to make them a new god to worship. Aaron gave in to the crowd and formed a golden calf from their jewelry.

The people chose to follow what felt easy instead of following God's instructions.

This story reminds us that when we follow the crowd instead of God — or when we try to lead without seeking Him — we can make wrong choices. We need God's guidance and strong, faithful community to help us stay on track.

We can't win alone. We need God. And we need each other.

? Ask Me This!

(Great for the ride home, bedtime, or around the dinner table)

Why did the people ask Aaron to make a golden calf?

📖 Exodus 32:1 — They became impatient waiting for Moses.

What did Aaron do?

📖 Exodus 32:4 — He made a golden calf for them to worship.

Was this what God wanted?

📖 Exodus 32:7–8 — No, the people turned away from God's commands.

What can happen when we follow the crowd instead of God?

👉 We can make choices that lead us away from Him.

How can we make wise choices?

👉 By praying, trusting God, and listening to wise leaders and friends.

🚀 Take Off!

(Try this together throughout the week!)

Tuesday: Read Exodus 32:1–4 and talk about why waiting can sometimes feel hard.

Thursday: Discuss what it means to follow God even when others are making different choices.

Saturday: Practice patience! Choose something small to wait for on purpose (a treat, a show, etc.) and talk about how waiting builds trust.

All Week: Say together:

“On God's team, players can't win alone!”

🙏 Prayer Guide

On God's Team, Players Can't Win Alone

Opening:

“Dear God, thank You for being our leader.”

Thanksgiving:

“Thank You for giving us family, friends, and leaders who help us follow You.”

Confession:

“Forgive us when we follow the crowd instead of trusting You.”

Prayer for the Child:

“God, help [child’s name] make wise choices and seek You first.”

Prayer for Wisdom & Patience:

“Holy Spirit, help [child’s name] trust You when waiting feels hard.”

Closing:

“Thank You for guiding us and helping us stay on Your team. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

 **Parent Challenge**

This week, talk with your child about the importance of patience and wise influence. The Israelites struggled because they grew impatient and stopped trusting God’s timing.

Read Book of Exodus 32 together and discuss:

- Why is waiting sometimes difficult?
- What does it mean to trust God’s timing?
- Who are wise people God has placed in our lives?

Look for opportunities to:

- Model patience
- Talk openly about peer pressure
- Affirm wise decisions
- Encourage your child to come to you with questions

End the week by sharing a time when trusting God (instead of rushing ahead) made a difference in your life.

We're Better Together

Thank you for partnering with us and trusting us to invest in your child's faith. We are grateful to walk alongside your family as your child discovers Jesus, grows spiritually, and learns what it means to live life on God's team.

If you need any tools or support, please reach out — we'd love to help! 

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