

# Pray then Play

## Flag Football Devotional Guide

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### Week One

Title: **On the Team!**

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV)

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

It is great to be a member of the team. Right now, we are members of a football team. We each have skills and talents which are beneficial to the team. Much like being on the football team, we are invited to be members of the Body of Christ (Team Jesus!). Our gifts and talents as believers help enable the Body of Christ to be victorious in this world.

**Application: Are you currently connected to a local church? How can you grow more involved in serving on Team Jesus?**

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### Week Two

Title: **Worship God**

Text: Psalm 92: 1-2

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,*

Being an active member of the football team requires your participation. You need to know the plays, practice with the team, and listen to your coaches, just to mention a few things. The same is true concerning your connection with Jesus, certain expectations apply. More important than passing well, catching passes, or winning games is faithfully worshiping Jesus.

**Application: How do we worship God? What are some ways that believers express their worship to the Lord?**

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### **Week Three**

**Title: Love People**

**Text: 1 John 4:11**

*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

Your teammates are important. One person cannot win football games, it takes the entire team. Such is the reason that teams are so important. Life is better when we are surrounded by our team, or our family, or our church. God created us to live life together because it is better! Living in relationship means that we love each other...we are connected.

**Application: Are there people in your life that you love? Are there others that NEED you to love them? Hurting people? Lonely people? Lost people? Commit to making friends with someone that needs to be loved this week.**

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## Week Four

Title: **Serve God**

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

*<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

Just as each of you have special talents which are useful to the football team, all believers are given spiritual gifts to be used in and through the church. Jesus saves us and chooses to use us to bring others to a saving knowledge of Him. Your talents help the football team just like your spiritual gifts help the church and the Kingdom of God.

**Application: In what ways are you serving God through your church? How can you improve?**

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## Week Five

Title: **Know Christ**

Text: Romans 10:9-10

*<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

Jesus loves you. He became a man and died for us on the cross. After living a sinless life, Jesus then willingly laid down His life for us. Everyone has sinned against God and because of our sin we are separated from Him. The death of Jesus bridges the gap between us and God. The invitation is to respond in faith to Jesus by yielding to His Lordship. He is God and He loves you.

**Application: Speak with your coach, your parents, or your pastor about becoming a Christian today.**

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## Week Six

Title: **Share Christ**

Text: Romans 1:16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...*

People need Jesus. Many are not connected to Pray then Play sports or even a church. Some of your friends and classmates need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, the gospel. Tell them Jesus died for them and was raised from the dead by the power of God! Jesus is alive!

**Application: Think of three people you know that need to hear about Jesus. Tell them about Jesus and invite them to attend church with you this Sunday.**