



Week 2: The Team – Unity in Christ

- **Theme:** Stronger Together
- **Primary Scripture:** *1 Corinthians 12:12-13 - For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*
- **Additional Scripture:** Ephesians 4:4-6 and John 17:21
- **Key Words:** Teamwork, Unity
- **Connection to Sports:** In sports, a team functions best when all players work together toward a common goal. Each player brings unique skills, but victory comes when they unite under one strategy and trust each other's roles. Similarly, in the body of Christ, we are many members with different gifts, but we are called to work together in harmony, guided by the Spirit. Just as a team relies on mutual respect and a shared vision, our unity in Christ strengthens us to live out God's plan for His kingdom.

Practical Application for Sports and Life:

- **In Sports:** Celebrate each teammate's unique contributions and focus on collaboration rather than competition within the team. For example, trust the defender to do their job so the scorer can focus on finishing the play.
- **In Life:** Acknowledge and appreciate the diverse gifts within your family, church, or community. Support one another in achieving shared goals, like serving in ministry or solving challenges together.

Challenge for the Athlete:

This week, work on being a great teammate by encouraging others and helping your team work together. During practice or a game, say something kind to a teammate or thank them for their effort. At home or school, look for ways to work together with friends or family, like helping with chores or a group project. Remember, when we work together, we can do amazing things for God and others!



Devotional Script for Coaches: Week 2

In sports, we know that a team works best when everyone comes together for a common goal. Each player has unique skills, but victory comes when they trust each other's roles and unite under one strategy. This is also true for the body of Christ.

In *1 Corinthians 12:12-13*, Paul reminds us that “just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” Just like a team relies on mutual respect and shared vision, we are called to unity in Christ.

Every member of a team has a role. The defender protects, the scorer finishes, and everyone contributes to victory. Similarly, God has given each of us unique gifts. When we work together in harmony, we strengthen His kingdom. Unity in Christ means celebrating differences and trusting the Spirit to guide us toward God's ultimate plan.

Practical Challenges:

This week, encourage your players to value their teammates. Remind them to trust others to do their jobs while focusing on their own. On the field, this might mean thanking a teammate for their effort or encouraging someone who's struggling. At home, it could look like helping with chores or supporting family members in their tasks.

When we work together in life and faith, we reflect God's love and show others the power of unity.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do I celebrate and encourage the unique gifts of my teammates, friends, or family members?
2. How can I trust others more and focus on my role without comparison?
3. What steps can I take this week to bring unity to my team or community?

Prayer: *Lord, thank You for creating us to work together as one body. Help us celebrate the unique gifts You've given to each of us and trust in Your Spirit to guide us. Teach us to be great teammates, not only in sports but in life, and to honor You in our unity. In Jesus' name, Amen.*