

EvangeBall Script

Eball Video Presentation Link

<https://youtu.be/xjuvP6MOz0o?si=jxk1BhQ-TJilkg7>

PREP

- Throughout the morning, spread the word about the time and place of the men's meeting.
- Mention hooks, fishing line, sunglasses, etc... will be given away to those in attendance (if applicable)
- Start men's ministry by asking questions about the men's lives (work, family, struggles, dreams).
- Also, encourage them to ask about your life. Talk about your family, struggles, dreams.
- Have someone ready to share a short testimony followed by another person sharing the gospel using the Evange Ball.
- Or have a lead person start the gospel presentation and then pass the ball as different men share from their own lives on the different facets of the plan of salvation.
- If anyone accepts Christ, introduce them to the missionary and or local pastor.
- Pass out the gift bags and invite them to service (if applicable).

INTRO

I know the Bible can be hard to understand, but I believe I can share its central message with this soccer ball. Would you be okay with me sharing it with you?

GOLD

The gold represents winning. Isn't this the goal of every soccer game you've played? And how do you know if you win or lose? It's very simple, the team with the most goals at the end...wins!

Now I have a more important question for us: "How can we determine if we've won at the end of life?" That answer is also very simple: To win at life is to end in heaven with God! No matter what else we do, if we don't end in heaven, we've lost!

DARK (black)

God's heart is that each of us spend an eternity with Him in heaven. But there is something blocking us from God's goal. The dark color (don't use the word black) represents a defender blocking us from scoring. Have you ever played against a good goalie? You've probably lost some games because you simply couldn't score against a powerful defense.

Spiritually, sin is like a powerful goalie that keeps blocking us from God. Sin is so powerful it has defeated every person that has ever lived. Sinners cannot enter heaven, in fact, we all live under the penalty of sin.

(Option: Pass the ball to a team member and share about a struggle that's hurt their life with God and others)

RED

What happens when you get a red card? It's a penalty that disqualifies you from even playing the game. It is impossible to win.

Spiritually we have all received a red card. The Bible teaches that we have all sinned and that the penalty for our sins is death. We deserve the penalty for our sins, but here is the greatest news on earth... JESUS TOOK YOUR RED CARD. He paid for it in full with his blood; you can be forgiven through His death and resurrection!

This is the central message of the Bible.. but there is more...

(Option: Pass the ball to share about how a team member came to understand forgiveness through Christ)

WHITE

When we turn away from our sin and trust in what Jesus has done for us on the cross, we are made clean like this part of the ball. Jesus is the only person who never sinned, and he offers us His perfect game as a gift. He's the only one that can beat sin for us. Through Jesus, it is as though we had never sinned. We are righteous sons of God in Christ.

(Option: Pass ball for a team member to share the difference Christ has made (peace, joy, purpose, assurance))

INVITATION

So how do you win at life? Gold (eternal life) is only possible through the Red (Jesus' death for our sins). Have your sins (Dark) been cleansed by Jesus (White)? If not, you can give your life to Christ if you believe what we've shared and you are willing to turn from your sin to Christ. I'll lead you in a prayer, but let these words be from your heart to God.

GREEN

If you received Christ, you are now on His team, He is your coach...Welcome to the Team!

I'll finish with this final word: Have you ever noticed how green the fields are at the World Cup? They look that way because they've been fertilized and watered.

This green color represents spiritual growth. God loves you as you are, but He doesn't want you to stay that way. You are responsible for feeding your soul through spiritual disciplines. You are now in training to grow into the man called you to be... but it takes ever.

Pass the ball around to share how the team feeds and waters their soul..obedience to God's word (first step baptism), prayer, bible study, leading family to church, serving others, hanging out with other godly men, seeking accountability, witnessing...

ORDERING Evange Balls

Evange Balls are usually on the boats, but they are not guaranteed. When using the boat balls, do not give them to the villages or use them as soccer balls. It is ideal to bring at least one EBall to ensure the team has one. Churches sometimes bring several so they can give them to pastors and missionaries who learn how to use them. The best source we've found for around \$20 ea is at "Equipping the Saints."...

<https://www.etsusa.org/Other-Items/Sports-Equipment/Eball-Soccer-Balls-size-5-Uses-Wordless-Book-Colors-p6252.html>