

EASTERN STAR CHURCH
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

2009

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL TOPICS

*Each week at practice, each team is required to have a ten-minute devotional talk of the following subjects. **These devotions are MANDATORY!!** Devotionals are designed for the children to learn more about CHRIST. These devotionals are to be towards the middle of each practice, as well as both teams coming together at the same time. **These devotions should last at least 5 minutes, but last no more than 10 minutes. Also, all teams are required to start practice with prayer.** . Please keep in my once again this is a Ministry first, and we need to be mindful of that. Again remember-----**IT IS NOT THE OUTCOME OF THE GAMES, BUT THE OUTCOME OF OUR PLAYERS GROWTH SPIRITUALLY, MENTALLY, SOCIALLY, AND PHYSICALLY.***

Please have the children read the following scriptures (i.e.-volunteers). Also, try to get the children to give feedback and to be involved with conversation in relation to the topic of the week. Please make sure to bring a BIBLE to every practice. If there may be any questions or concerns to any extent, please contact Kraig Cox at 591-5050 X- 159.

WEEK 1

SUBJECT: CHILDRENS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Obeying our parents is both commanded and commended by GOD and will surely bring forth a peaceful and blessed childhood.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EPHESIANS 6: 1-2 (New Testament)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment.

WEEK 2

SUBJECT: SUCCESS

We as believers should handle successes differently from those who are not Christians. Do not brag or boast, for the gift and blessing that you possess is given by God, and can be taken away. We should recognize that it is only by Gods grace that we are able to achieve anything.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 2 CHRONICLES 20:20 (Old Testament)

Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.

WEEK 3

SUBJECT: ANGER

Our anger toward our brothers and sisters should be like GOD'S anger toward us---- which is slow to provoke and always forgiving.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Psalm 103: 8-9 (Old Testament)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever.

WEEK 4

SUBJECT: SALVATION

There is only one way to receive salvation, which means eternal life. GOD's son, JESUS, died for those who believe in him, so that they might have salvation, and eternal life.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ROMANS 10: 9 (New Testament)

That if you confess with your mouth "Jesus in Lord," and believe that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

WEEK 5

SUBJECT: PRAYER

Prayer is something that many Christians take for granted and often times might not do on a regular basis. We as believers MUST realize that as our prayer life increases, so does our relationship with GOD.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JAMES 5: 16 (New Testament)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

WEEK 6

SUBJECT: BROTHERLY AND SISTERLY LOVE

JESUS deemed Love as the greatest commandment that we should uphold or follow. Especially love for our Brothers and Sisters (not only in our families- but brothers and sisters in CHRIST as well) for whom we see and talk to every day.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOHN 13: 34-35 (New Testament)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

WEEK 7

SUBJECT: DISCIPLESHIP

We as believers should offer our mind, body and spirit as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not be as one of the world, but be the one that God has created you to be. Give and do unto others, in the way that God has done for us.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Ezekiel 18:9 (Old Testament)

He follows my decrees and faithfully keeps my laws. That man is righteous; he will surely live, declares the Sovereign Lord.

WEEK 8

SUBJECT: FORGIVENESS

GOD, sent his only son who died for our sins, JESUS was also persecuted and punished, that we might be forgiven. JESUS was also wounded that we might be healed. JESUS CHRIST expects us to forgive each other, just as he has forgiven us.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: MARK 11:25 (New Testament)

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

WEEK 9

SUBJECT: HONESTY

God wants and commands honesty as the foundation of our lives. Dishonesty and a lying tongue are something the LORD does not like. There are great rewards and blessings from GOD for being an honest person.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: PROVERBS 16: 8 (Old Testament)

Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice

WEEK 10

SUBJECT: WITNESSING

GOD has a simple plan for us to follow, to win souls to his kingdom. JESUS has commanded us to go out and speak his good word to his people. The Romans road to salvation is a simple plan to help win a soul to God's kingdom.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ROMANS 10:13 (New Testament)

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans Road to Salvation -- ROMANS 3:23 ROMANS 6:23 ROMANS 5:8 ROMANS 10:9

Extra Topics:

SUBJECT: PRIDE

Pride can be a major stumbling block or hindrance in our relationship with God. Jesus Christ gave us a perfect example of how to live a humble life.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: PROVERBS 18:13 JOHN 13: 1-17

SUBJECT: GODS LOVE

GODS love for us is obvious and plainly evident. He did not wait for man to get their life together. He sent his only Son, JESUS, to die for us and the forgiveness of our sins. GOD also loves each of us, as well as accepts each one of us.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOHN 3: 16 ROMANS 5: 8

SUBJECT: FAILURE

God wants us to change our direction from our adverse conditions. He develops us through our failures and our challenging situations.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: ISAIAH 43:2 1 CHRONICLES 28:20