

# Game Changer



**Discovering  
YOUR IDENTITY  
in Christ**

**F.L.A.G. 2025**  
**FUN LEARNING ABOUT GOD**  
**Rosemont Baptist Church**



# ***Grand Slam***

## ***Memory Verse***

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)



# ***Playbook***


Session 1: "Drafted into God's Team" → We are chosen and loved by God. (1 Peter 2:9)

Session 2: "Traded to a New Team" → We are made new and no longer slaves to sin. (Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:4)

Session 3: "Playing for the Coach's Glory" → We live to glorify God in all we do. (Colossians 3:17)



## Session 1: "Drafted into God's Team" (Chosen & Loved by God)

 Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

 Main Idea:

- Just like players are chosen for a team, God chooses us to be His children.
  - Our identity is not in our performance but in who God says we are—His special possession!
  - We don't have to earn our spot on God's team—He picked us because of His love, not our ability.
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### Warm-Up (Attention Grabber Activity)

Have you ever had to pick teams, like maybe in P.E. at school? Which players usually get picked first? (best, strongest, fastest, etc.) That is the way we pick, but today we will hear that God has a different way of picking who's on His team.

### Game Time (Bible Study Portion) - David, The Unexpected Draft Pick

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-17 in your Bible.

In 1 Samuel 16, God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse's house in Bethlehem to anoint a new king for Israel, as God had rejected King Saul for his disobedience. God's message to Samuel was clear: He was choosing a king based on the heart, not outward appearance or worldly achievements. Samuel was unsure how to find the right one, but God guided him. When Samuel saw Eliab, Jesse's oldest son, he assumed he must be the one because of his impressive stature. But God told Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature... For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Jesse presented each of his sons to Samuel, but God did not choose any of them. Finally, when Samuel asks if there was anyone else, Jesse called for David, the youngest, who was out in the fields tending the sheep. As soon as David entered, God said to Samuel, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he" (1 Samuel 16:12). Samuel anoints David, and from that day on, God's Spirit comes upon him.

This story shows us that our identity is not based on what the world sees or how we perform—it's about who God says we are. Just as God chose David, who was overlooked by others, He chooses us to be part of His family, not because of our external qualities or our talents, but because of His love and His plan for our lives. Like David, our true identity is found in God, and we are called to live out that identity for His glory.

### Seventh-Inning Stretch (Prayer Time)

Lead the kids in a time of silent prayer using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for choosing you. Pray God would help you see yourself as He does. Pray for understanding about His plan for your life. Pray for a heart that seeks God above all else.  
-Amen



## Session 1 cont...

### Team Huddle Discussion Questions:

1. What made David different from his brothers?  
(Focus on God choosing David based on his heart, not his outward appearance.)
2. Why do you think God cares more about the heart than how we look or what we can do?  
(Help kids understand that God sees beyond surface-level qualities and values their character.)
3. Have you ever felt left out or overlooked?  
(Encourage children to share times when they might have felt "less than," and relate that to how God sees them as valuable.)
4. What does it mean to be "chosen by God" like David was?  
(Guide them to realize that God chooses us because of His love and not because of our abilities or accomplishments.)
5. How can knowing that God looks at our hearts change the way we view ourselves and others?  
(Discuss how knowing that God values them for who they are inside can build confidence and empathy.)
6. David was chosen even though he was the youngest and overlooked. How does this story help you understand your identity in Christ?  
(Encourage the children to see that their worth is in Christ, not in how the world might see them.)
7. What does it look like to live out your identity as God's chosen child?  
(Talk about how to live for God, show kindness, and be confident in who they are in Him.)

### Home Run Challenge (Group Game) - Sheep Herding Game

Divide the kids into teams and scatter white balloons across the play area to represent lost sheep. In advance, write a number on 10 balloons for each team so they know which sheep belong to them. Each team is given "shepherd's staffs" (pool noodles-cut in half if you don't have enough) and must work together to herd only their numbered sheep into a designated "sheep pen," marked with masking tape on the floor. Players can use only their staff to guide the balloons—no hands allowed! The first team to successfully corral all ten of their sheep into the pen wins.



## Session 2: "Traded to a New Team" (New Identity in Christ – Grace & Freedom from Sin)

 Key Verses: Galatians 2:20 & Romans 6:4

 Main Idea:

- When a baseball player gets traded, they leave behind their old team and fully belong to the new one.
  - In Christ, our old self is dead, and we now belong to Him—we are no longer slaves to sin but free!
  - We wear a new uniform (new life in Christ), and our identity is no longer in our mistakes.
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### Warm-Up (Attention Grabber Activity)

Have a teen helper come in wearing an old, dirty tattered and torn shirt. (Note: it should be a button up shirt, to show they could easily slip it off if they wanted to...otherwise students will just think they are going to the bathroom to change and it won't drive home the point you will share later in the lesson.) Make a big deal that you're going to give him a new shirt and hand him one. Instead of taking off the old tattered shirt and putting on the new one, have the teen helper accept the shirt, but just walk away without putting it on.

### Game Time (Bible Study Portion)

When we become Christians, God gives us a new identity in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). We should now live in that new identity. This means the old sinful nature is replaced with a desire to do the right things.

### Baptism

When we believe in Jesus, something amazing happens—He changes us! Baptism is a way to show everyone that we have a brand-new life because of Him.

The Bible tells us in Romans 6:4, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

That means when we go under the water in baptism, it's like a picture of being buried with Jesus—our old, sinful life is gone. And when we come up out of the water, it's a picture of being raised to new life, just like Jesus rose from the dead!

Before we followed Jesus, we were like everyone else in sin. But now, we have a new identity in Christ! The Bible says: 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

That means we aren't the same as we used to be. We belong to Jesus now! Just like putting on a team jersey shows what team you're on, baptism shows that you are part of God's family. You have been changed, and your new identity is in Him!

## Session 2 cont...

Before becoming a Christian, we didn't have the power to fully resist sin. Even when we wanted to do the right thing, sin still had control over us. The Bible calls that being a "slave to sin."

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:1-2 (ESV):

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."

After becoming a Christian, we are not "slaves to sin." When we trust in Jesus, He gives us the strength to say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God. *When you get a new outfit, you don't keep wearing the old dirty clothes. In the same way, once we've been made new in Christ, we don't go back to our old sinful ways. That is not to say we will not sin, but that we can overcome sin! [Reference the teen helper from the Warm Up activity.]*

Does this mean we will not sin any more? No.

Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

We will still sin because we are human. We still live in the world with all its temptations and evils.

How can we stop sinning?

Ephesians 4:22, says, "Lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lust of deceit." Peter put it this way: "Abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul."

### **The Holy Spirit will Help**

Paul talks about walking in the Spirit in Galatians 5:16-17, which says, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

Walking by the Spirit means the Holy Spirit should direct all of our thoughts, actions, and decisions. Galatians 5: 22-24 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

When we become a Christian, the Holy Spirit helps want to live this new way!

## Session 2 cont...

### God's Word will Help

David said in Psalm 119:11, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

Psalm 119:9 says, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word."

### Entangling Sin (Habits)

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Make up your mind that you will not sin. The psalmist said in Psalm 119:106: "I have sworn and I will confirm it, that I will keep Thy righteous ordinances."

Job made a covenant with his eyes. He didn't trust his eyes. He said, "I made a covenant with my eyes..." that he wouldn't look on wrong things.

(Example: My mother trained us to turn away from the TV when something inappropriate came on because she knew she couldn't get to the television to change the channel fast enough. She wanted to teach us to train ourself to look away. I've never forgotten that!)

**Repent immediately when you realize you sinned.** What happened after the cock crowed the third time after Peter had denied Jesus? Peter went out and wept bitterly. Immediately when he realized his sin, he wept in repentance. Deal with it immediately when it hits. Be quick to say tell God you are sorry and decide you won't do that again.

### Pray

Continually pray for God to help. In Colossians 4:2, Paul says, "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving."

Be honest before the Lord with what those entangling sins are and deal with them, for the sake of being everything God wants you to be. Why would you want to be any less?

### Seventh-Inning Stretch" (Prayer Time)

Lead the kids in a time of silent prayer using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for giving you a new identity in Christ. Pray for strength to live in the freedom Jesus has given you. Ask God to help you turn away from sin and walk in His ways. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, actions, and decisions. Ask God to help you store His Word in your heart so you won't sin against Him. Pray for a heart that desires righteousness over temptation. Ask God to help you quickly repent when you do sin. Pray for the courage to stand firm in your faith and live out your new identity. -Amen

## Session 2 cont...

### Team Huddle (Discussion/Small Group Time)

1. What happens when we become a new creation in Christ?

(Help kids understand that salvation changes us from the inside out—our old sinful nature is replaced with a desire to live righteously.)

2. How does baptism show others that we have a new life in Jesus?

(Discuss how baptism is an outward symbol of the inward transformation that happens when we follow Jesus.)

3. Why do you think God wants us to live in our new identity instead of going back to our old ways?

(Help kids see that living for Jesus means turning away from sin and following Him wholeheartedly.)

4. Have you ever struggled to believe that you are truly free from sin?

(Encourage honesty and discuss how Galatians 5:1 reminds us that Jesus sets us free to live for Him.)

5. What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit” instead of following the desires of the flesh?

(Explain how the Holy Spirit helps us make godly choices and resist temptation.)

6. What are some practical ways we can stay close to God and avoid sin?

(Talk about reading the Bible, praying, surrounding ourselves with Christian friends, and making wise choices.)

7. How does storing God’s Word in our hearts help us when we are tempted

(Refer to Psalm 119:11 and discuss how knowing Scripture strengthens us in times of temptation.)

8. Why is it important to repent quickly when we realize we’ve sinned?

(Use Peter’s example to show how immediate repentance restores our relationship with God.)

9. What are some “entangling sins” that can keep us from growing in our faith?

(Encourage kids to identify distractions, bad habits, or sins that may hold them back and discuss how to overcome them.)

10. How can we encourage each other to live in our new identity as followers of Jesus?


(Talk about the importance of accountability, encouragement, and surrounding ourselves with people who help us grow in faith.)

### Home Run Challenge" (Group Game) - Heart Hunter

Divide into groups. In advance, prepare 10-15 envelopes per group - each group should have it’s own color envelopes. Print out the following outward traits and put them into the envelopes: tall, strong, popular, athletic, smart, rich, funny, talented, beautiful, confident, cool, outgoing, skilled, well-spoken...while one special envelope contains a heart cutout with the verse: 1 Samuel 16:7: “The Lord does not see as man sees; man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” Players search for envelopes, bringing them back without opening them until all are found. One by one, they reveal their contents, discussing how outward traits may seem important but do not define a person’s worth in God’s eyes. When the “Heart” envelope is opened, read the verse aloud.



## Session 3: "Playing for the Coach's Glory" (Living for Christ Daily)

 Key Verse: Colossians 3:17 – "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

 Main Idea:

- Players don't play just for themselves—they play for their coach and team.
  - As Christians, we don't live for our own glory, but to bring glory to God in everything we do.
  - Our identity isn't found in achievements but in honoring Christ with our lives.
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### Warm-Up (Attention Grabber Activity)

Show a short video of a lion - not the cute and cuddly type, but the realistic teeth bared and claws showing type. Ask students to describe the lion. Say, Lions can be about 46 inches tall (show with a measuring tape how tall that is. Have a child come and stand beside the measuring tape to show they would be eyeball to eyeball in height with a lion.) Say, Male lions typically weigh between 330 and 550 pounds. They are about 8 feet long. Say, Keep this in mind as you hear today's story.

### Game Time (Bible Study Portion)

In every sport, players are part of a team, and they play not just for themselves but for their coach and teammates. Their goal is to honor their coach and help the team succeed, not to only make themselves look good. As Christians, we are part of God's team, and our lives should reflect that. We are called to live not for our own glory, but to bring glory to God in everything we do, whether at school, at home, or in the world. Our identity is found in who God says we are, and not what others think or on our achievements.

One person in the Bible who demonstrated living for God's glory was Daniel.

Daniel was a young man who had been taken captive and moved to Babylon, where the king's court was full of people who didn't follow God. Daniel faced many pressures to compromise his beliefs. He could have easily blended in with the culture around him, but instead, he chose to honor God in all areas of his life, no matter the cost.

One challenging moment came shortly after being taken to Babylon. When Daniel and three friends along with other young Israelite men were taken into Nebuchadnezzar's service, they were to be given food and wine from the king's table while undergoing a three-year training program. "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way" (Daniel 1:8). The food did not follow dietary laws given to the Israelites by God. These laws specified which foods were considered clean (allowed) and unclean (forbidden) for eating. The official was fearful that Daniel would be unhealthy if he didn't eat the food the king wanted and that would make the king upset with him. So Daniel asked him to do a ten-day test in which he and his three companions would eat vegetables (or "pulses") and drink water. "At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead" (Daniel 1:15–16).

## Session 3 cont...

After their time of training, they were brought before King Nebuchadnezzar. When he questioned them, he found that no one in the entire kingdom was as wise and understanding as Daniel and his three friends. Because of this, they were chosen for a special job to serve in the king's court.

Another challenging moments in Daniel's life came when the king passed a law that made it illegal to pray to anyone except him. Daniel knew that prayer was an important way to honor God, so he refused to stop praying. Even though he knew that disobeying the king's law would lead to punishment, Daniel remained faithful to God. As a result, Daniel was thrown into a den of hungry lions, but God protected him, showing that those who honor Him will not be abandoned. (Daniel 6: 1-28)

In Colossians 3:17, Paul tells us, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." This means that every part of our lives—our actions, our words, and even our thoughts—should be done for God's glory. Just like Daniel, we are called to live with a singular focus on honoring God, no matter the circumstances or what others might think. Daniel's life teaches us that it's not about seeking approval from others or trying to look good in front of people. Our identity in Christ calls us to be faithful, even when it's hard, and to live in a way that brings glory to God. As Christians, we need to be willing to stand firm in our faith, just like Daniel, and remember that our identity is rooted in Christ alone.

Our identity isn't found in what others think of us or in our achievements. It's found in our relationship with God and in our commitment to honor Him. We don't play for the approval of others, just as we don't live for our own glory. We live for the glory of God, who saved us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the foundation of our identity. The world might offer us fame, popularity, or success, but true fulfillment comes when we live for God's glory and not our own.

### Seventh-Inning Stretch" (Prayer Time)

Lead the kids in a time of silent prayer using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for the example of Daniel's faithfulness. Pray for strength to stand firm in your faith, even when others may not agree. Ask God to help you make choices that honor Him, no matter the pressures around you. Pray for the courage to stay true to God's Word and not be swayed by what others think. Ask God to protect you from any challenges or difficulties, just as He protected Daniel. Pray that you would have the wisdom to trust God's plan for your life, even when it's hard. Ask God to give you a heart that seeks to glorify Him in everything you do. -Amen

### Team Huddle (Discussion/Small Group Time)

1. What challenges do you face when it's hard to follow God's way? (Help the kids relate to Daniel's situation and share their own struggles in staying faithful.)
2. Why do you think Daniel didn't care about what the king or anyone else thought, but only wanted to honor God? (Encourage them to reflect on Daniel's commitment and the importance of honoring God over people.)

## Session 3 cont...

3. How can we stand firm in our faith, even when we feel like we might be the only ones doing the right thing? (Discuss the courage it takes to make the right choices and how God helps us stay strong.)
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6. How do you think God might be asking you to honor Him today, just like Daniel did? (Help them reflect on their actions and how they can bring glory to God in their daily choices.)
7. Why is it important to remember that our identity comes from God, not from what others think or say about us? (Reinforce the idea of God’s love and the importance of living for His glory, not for others’ approval.)

### **Home Run Challenge" (Group Game) - Team Challenge Relay**

Divide the group into teams. Each team will move to different stations, each representing a challenge that Daniel faced in staying faithful to God. (Each station should have a poster board with the station number and task written on it, taped to the wall.) At each station, all team members must complete the task before moving to the next station. Note: If the team at the next station is not finished, the team must stay at their current station until the other team completes their task, ensuring everyone stays engaged and the stations flow smoothly.

Station 1 - "Standing Firm" – Players all balance on one foot as long as they can to symbolize Daniel’s unwavering faith. See who can remain the longest, but if the other group is ready to come to this station, then move on.

Station 2 - "Choosing God’s Way" – Players arrange index cards with words of the memory verse in order reminding students Daniel obeyed what the Bible said above the King’s order.

Station 3 - “Prayer Under Pressure” – Players take turns one by one kneeling and getting up 3 times in a row to symbolize Daniel’s commitment to kneel and pray three times a day.

Station 4 - “Lion’s Den” - Place a stuffed lion toy at this station. Players must pass the lion around and each pat it’s head and say, “Nice lion.” This reminds students God shut the mouths of the lions and kept Daniel safe.

Station 5 - “Balancing Act” - Players walk across a balance beam (2x4 on the floor) while remembering to stay balanced and true to God’s Word.

Station 6 - “Focused Faith” - Players each get a ping pong ball and try to ring a paper cup. Continue until one player of the team has a ball go in the cup. Daniel had unwavering focus on God’s will. Note: May need to provide several cups versus just one.





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(Talk about the importance of accountability, encouragement, and surrounding ourselves with people who help us grow in faith.)

## **Session 2 cont...**

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7. Why is it important to remember that our identity comes from God, not from what others think or say about us? (Reinforce the idea of God's love and the importance of living for His glory, not for others' approval.)

### Seventh-Inning Stretch" (Prayer Time)

Lead the kids in a time of silent prayer using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for the example of Daniel's faithfulness. Pray for strength to stand firm in your faith, even when others may not agree. Ask God to help you make choices that honor Him, no matter the pressures around you. Pray for the courage to stay true to God's Word and not be swayed by what others think. Ask God to protect you from any challenges or difficulties, just as He protected Daniel. Pray that you would have the wisdom to trust God's plan for your life, even when it's hard. Ask God to give you a heart that seeks to glorify Him in everything you do. -Amen

Notes:



# **Student Book**



# Game Changer



**Discovering  
YOUR IDENTITY  
in Christ**

**STUDENT BOOK**

**F.L.A.G. 2025**  
**FUN LEARNING ABOUT GOD**  
**Rosemont Baptist Church**



# ***Grand Slam***

## ***Memory Verse***

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)



# ***Playbook***

**Session 1:** "Drafted into God's Team" → We are chosen and loved by God. (1 Peter 2:9)

**Session 2:** "Traded to a New Team" → We are made new and no longer slaves to sin. (Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:4)


**Session 3:** "Playing for the Coach's Glory" → We live to glorify God in all we do. (Colossians 3:17)

**Extra Innings Devotional Pages** to keep growing in your faith beyond F.L.A.G





## Session 1: "Drafted into God's Team" (Chosen & Loved by God)

 Key Verse: 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

 Main Idea:

- Just like players are chosen for a team, God chooses us to be His children.
- Our identity is not in our performance but in who God says we are—His special possession!
- We don't have to earn our spot on God's team—He picked us because of His love, not our ability.

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### Team Huddle Discussion Questions:

1. What made David different from his brothers?

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2. Why do you think God cares more about the heart than how we look or what we can do?

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3. Have you ever felt left out or overlooked?

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4. What does it mean to be "chosen by God" like David was?

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5. How can knowing that God looks at our hearts change the way we view ourselves and others?

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6. David was chosen even though he was the youngest and overlooked. How does this story help you understand your identity in Christ?

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7. What does it look like to live out your identity as God's chosen child?

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### Seventh-Inning Stretch (Prayer Time)

Pray using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for choosing you. Pray God would help you see yourself as He does. Pray for understanding about His plan for your life. Pray for a heart that seeks God above all else. - Amen

**Notes:**

## Session 2: "Traded to a New Team" (New Identity in Christ – Grace & Freedom from Sin)

 Key Verses: Galatians 2:20 & Romans 6:4

 Main Idea:

- When a baseball player gets traded, they leave behind their old team and fully belong to the new one.
- In Christ, our old self is dead, and we now belong to Him—we are no longer slaves to sin but free!
- We wear a new uniform (new life in Christ), and our identity is no longer in our mistakes.

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### Team Huddle (Discussion/Small Group Time)

1.What happens when we become a new creation in Christ?

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2. How does baptism show others that we have a new life in Jesus?

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3. Why do you think God wants us to live in our new identity instead of going back to our old ways?

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4. Have you ever struggled to believe that you are truly free from sin?

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5. What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit” instead of following the desires of the flesh?

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6. What are some practical ways we can stay close to God and avoid sin?

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7. How does storing God’s Word in our hearts help us when we are tempted?

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8. Why is it important to repent quickly when we realize we’ve sinned?

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9. What are some “entangling sins” that can keep us from growing in our faith?

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10.How can we encourage each other to live in our new identity as followers of Jesus?

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## **Session 2 cont...**


### **Seventh-Inning Stretch" (Prayer Time)**

Pray using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for giving you a new identity in Christ. Pray for strength to live in the freedom Jesus has given you. Ask God to help you turn away from sin and walk in His ways. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, actions, and decisions. Ask God to help you store His Word in your heart so you won't sin against Him. Pray for a heart that desires righteousness over temptation. Ask God to help you quickly repent when you do sin. Pray for the courage to stand firm in your faith and live out your new identity. -Amen

### **Notes:**

## Session 3: "Playing for the Coach's Glory" (Living for Christ Daily)

 Key Verse: Colossians 3:17 – "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

 Main Idea:

- Players don't play just for themselves—they play for their coach and team.
- As Christians, we don't live for our own glory, but to bring glory to God in everything we do.
- Our identity isn't found in achievements but in honoring Christ with our lives.

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### Team Huddle (Discussion/Small Group Time)

1. What challenges do you face when it's hard to follow God's way?

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2. Why do you think Daniel didn't care about what the king or anyone else thought, but only wanted to honor God?

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3. How can we stand firm in our faith, even when we feel like we might be the only ones doing the right thing?

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4. What does it look like to "choose God's way" in our everyday lives?

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5. How can you trust God when things don't go the way you expect or when it feels difficult?

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6. How do you think God might be asking you to honor Him today, just like Daniel did?

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7. Why is it important to remember that our identity comes from God, not from what others think or say about us?

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### Seventh-Inning Stretch" (Prayer Time)

Pray using the following prayer prompts:

Thank God for the example of Daniel's faithfulness. Pray for strength to stand firm in your faith, even when others may not agree. Ask God to help you make choices that honor Him, no matter the pressures around you. Pray for the courage to stay true to God's Word and not be swayed by what others think. Ask God to protect you from any challenges or difficulties, just as He protected Daniel. Pray that you would have the wisdom to trust God's plan for your life, even when it's hard. Ask God to give you a heart that seeks to glorify Him in everything you do. -Amen

**Notes:**

# ***Extra Innings***

Devotions for after F.L.A.G so you  
to continue to learn what it  
means to be on God's team.





## **Extra Innings** - Keep growing in your faith beyond F.L.A.G

### Day 1 Devo. - Who is God?

If I asked you, "**Who are you?**" what would you say? You might tell me your name or where you're from. Maybe you'd say, "**I'm so-and-so's son,**" or "**I'm a basketball player**" or "**I'm a singer.**" Those things may describe you, but they don't define you.

What happens if one day you can't play basketball anymore? Or if you stop singing? **Who are you then?** If your identity is based on something you can lose, then it's not your **true** identity.

The Bible tells us in **Genesis** that God created us to be **His image-bearers**. That means **you were made to show others what God is like**. But do you know what He's like? If not, how can you know who you **really** are and what you were made to be?

Who is God?

In the Bible, God calls Himself "**I Am.**" (Exodus 3:14) This means He has always existed and always will. He created everything and is in control of everything.

In the book of Genesis, we read that God created the first man and woman and placed them in a beautiful garden. They had everything they needed! God told them they could eat from **any** tree in the garden—except **one**. But they chose to eat from that one tree. They believed a lie and lost everything.

But God loved them—and us—so much that He sent **His own Son, Jesus**, to pay for their sin and the sin of all people from the beginning of time until the end. Jesus **willingly** died on the cross in our place. Because of Him, we don't have to be separated from God anymore. Instead, we can choose to have a relationship with Him now and live with Him forever in heaven.

## **Swing for the Fences** -

Read Genesis 1:26-27.

**Notes:**

## Extra Innings - Keep growing in your faith beyond F.L.A.G

### Day 2 Devo. - What Did He Do?

According to John 19:30 (ESV), Jesus' last words on the cross were: "**It is finished.**" In the language Jesus likely spoke, Aramaic, this would have been "**Tetelestai.**" This word means something is **complete** or **fulfilled**. It shows that Jesus had finished the work of saving us by dying on the cross.

If you understand that you are a sinner, believe that Jesus died for you and rose again to prove it was finished, and want Him to be the Lord of your life, you can tell God that.

Jesus was crucified between two criminals. One made fun of Him, but the other admitted they deserved their punishment, while Jesus had done nothing wrong. That man said, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**" Jesus answered, "**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.**" (Luke 23:42-43, NIV)

Jesus willingly gave Himself for you. When the soldiers came to arrest Him for saying He was God's Son, they asked if He was Jesus. He answered, "**I Am,**" and when He said this, the guards fell backward onto the ground! But Jesus **let** them arrest Him. He **chose** to give His life.

This was God's plan to pay for sin so that **you and I—who deserve to be separated from God forever—can be forgiven and have eternal life with Him in heaven.**

### **Swing for the Fences -**

Read Romans 5:8.

**Notes:**

## **Extra Innings** - Keep growing in your faith beyond F.L.A.G

### Day 3 Devo. - Who Are You?

If you **believe** in Jesus, you can be saved from the punishment of your sin. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23-24**:

**“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”** (ESV)

This means that **everyone** has sinned and fallen short of God’s perfect standard. But because of Jesus, we can be **forgiven**! God offers us **grace** as a free gift. We don’t have to earn it—we simply **receive it by faith** in Jesus.

When you put your trust in Jesus, your **life is changed**. You are no longer just who the world says you are—**you are a child of God**. That is your true identity! You also have a **purpose**—God has a plan for your life, and He wants you to live in a way that shows others who He is.

Are you living like a child of God? Are you showing others what He is like?

### **Swing for the Fences** -

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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