



## WEEK 1: THE COACH K4/5-1st & 2nd

**This year during our devotions we are going to discuss different soccer roles as we unfold some of God's principles for our lives...What are some of the roles or positions you know in soccer?**

Good job! But there is one ROLE each of you has missed, and it is a VERY important role on a team....its the (\*point to yourself in a silly way\*) COACH! That's right!

### **Why is it important you guys have a coach?**

So you can learn the rules, so you know which direction to go, so you can learn and so you are focused, among other things. You know, God, the One who created you and this WHOLE world, wants to be the coach of your life too?

There is a story in the Bible, in Judges 7, where God designs this weird plan where he is going to use a man named Gideon, a FARMER not a WARROR, to defeat an entire group of people (said to be over 100,000 men). In God's strange plan he would reduce the number of warriors for Gideon from 22,000 to THREE HUNDRED...that is a really big difference. And then God would win the battle with those three hundred men never once lifting their swords. **Instead of swords and shields, does anyone know what Gideon's small army used to defeat the Midianites?**

They used Ram's horns and clay jars, making enough noise that it caused the Midianite "warriors" to get scared and confused because they panicked and began fighting *each other*; many others ran away from their camp scared. THAT is how Gideon's army of three hundred beat the Midianites who are said to have had over 100,000 in their army! CRAZINESS!!

**God's plans do not always look much like our own, but did you know, God wants to be the coach of your life and help you win victories like He did Gideon? Much like each of you got a phone call or a message saying "you're on the team" this season...God has called you to be on HIS team but now you have accept the invitation....look at what incredible things He did with Gideon! Next week we will talk about how to accept that invitation on HIS WINNING TEAM!**

### **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

*(Lord God thank You so much for each of these kiddos...their strengths, their talents, their character. We ask you would be with us this season, help us to grow as a team. Thank you for choosing each of us to be a part of Your plan and mission. I ask Lord you would help us to know and understand that more. Amen.)*