

The logo features a stylized green and grey 'd' shape on the left, followed by the words 'TEAM SPORTS' in green and 'devotions' in grey, with a green cross symbol integrated into the 'o' of 'devotions'.

TEAM SPORTS devotions

7

In the Heat of Competition

Galatians 5:22-23a, Matthew 5:9, James 3:18



What does it mean to talk smack? Why do players talk smack? A player may be tempted to put another player down and pump himself up to get the edge over the other team. He wants to show that his team is more powerful and will win. **When things get heated, what can talking smack lead to?** (an argument or fight)



*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23a



What is a peacemaker? A peacemaker is someone who keeps an argument or fight from happening. God's word says, *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."* **Matthew 5:9 Can you be a winner and a peacemaker at the same time? If you win the game, but get into an argument or a fight, do you feel good about your win?**



God's word says *"Those who make peace should plant peace like a seed. If they do, it will produce a crop of right living."* **James 3:18 What should you do when you hear someone talking smack? What should you do when you are tempted to talk smack?**

PRAY

Heavenly Father, help us keep our thoughts and hearts focused on you so that we can be winners who plant seeds of peace and honor you with our actions. Amen