DEVOTIONAL for volunteers



On your mark, get set, go! When a shepherd named David became king, it was a whole new ballgame! He had some big wins and some big losses, too, but he also had a great plan for how to overcome his challenges. In this 4-week series, kids will team up with David and learn that making peace, following God, showing kindness, and forgiveness are all part of God's game plan for us!

To get ready for this teaching series, spend a few minutes each week studying the passages of Scripture we'll be teaching, praying about what God wants to do in and through us in the next few weeks, and growing by putting God's words into practice in your own life.

WEEK 1 Making peace is part of God's game plan. 1 Samuel 25:2–35; Psalm 33:12–22



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

Pray and ask God to help you bring peace to your relationships.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there a difficult conversation you need to have? Can you spend time listening to someone close to you? Is there someone you can advocate for or protect? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 2 Following God is the best game plan. 2 Samuel 6:12–22; Psalm 34:1–8



STUDY

Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, pray and ask for help following God's lead.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is something distracting you from following God? Could you ask someone for advice? Do you have a regular time to connect with and listen to God? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 3 Showing kindness is in God's game plan. 2 Samuel 9:1–13; Psalm 34:9–14



Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, ask God for help showing kindness to others.



GROW

So what's your next step? Are there specific relationships where you struggle to show kindness? Is there someone in your life who could use some kindness this week? Can you do something simple for a friend or loved one today? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.

WEEK 4 Forgiveness is always God's game plan. 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13; Psalm 34:15–22



Take a moment to read the passages we're covering this week. What stands out to you in this passage and why?



PRAY

This week, ask God to help you take steps toward forgiveness.



GROW

So what's your next step? Is there something blocking you from offering forgiveness? Do you need to ask someone to forgive you? Can you help someone else take steps towards forgiving others? Whatever your next step is right now, take it.