

# SOCCER LEAGUE DEVOTIONS

Parent Companion Guide

## PRACTICE 2

### CONVICTION

is standing for what is right even when others don't.



UPWARD  
SPORTS

### KEY VERSE

**AS FOR THE REST OF YOU, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
NEVER GET TIRED OF DOING GOOD.**

**2 THESSALONIANS 3:13 (NLT)**

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**Bottom Line: You can stand for what's right, even when it's not popular.**

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Have you ever been in a situation where you were the only one choosing to do the right thing? Maybe someone you were doing business with wanted to do something unethical to get ahead. Or what if you see someone who needs help outside the grocery store, but everyone else is just passing them by? What happens when you're the only one willing to stand up and do the right thing?

You might think to yourself, "I'm just going to keep my head down and not make a big deal out of this." Or "This is just an inconvenience. How do I know they actually need help?"

Sometimes standing up for what's right might make you stand out. But here's the real truth. Doing the right thing is the right thing! Deep down, you know that making the right choice is always the best choice. Other people might think you're crazy. But guess what? God sees and knows all. He sees it when you make wise choices. And those wise choices will always be the best thing for you. And even if you feel alone, you're not. God is always with you. You can stand for what's right, even when it's not popular.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

(K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

- When was a time that you stood up for what was right?
- Why is it important to stand up for what is right?

(3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- When was a time that you stood up for what was right?
- Why is it hard to stand up for what's right when other people are making different choices?

(7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up)

- Can you think of a time that someone else did what was right instead of going along with the crowd? Why did it stand out to you?
- Is it difficult to stand up for what's right when your friends are doing something you know is wrong? Why or why not?

## GOING DEEPER

This week, read 2 Thessalonians 3:13 with your child. Make a list together of the reasons someone might grow tired of doing good. Talk with your child about how they can avoid some of the things on your list. Make another list together of good things you hope you never get tired of doing. Ask your child how you can encourage them to keep doing the items on this list.