

GAME PLAN (Imaginarium)

WEEK 2 (Sept 14 2025)

BIG IDEA

Following God is the best game plan.

BIBLE

David and The Ark: 2 Samuel 6:12–22; Psalm 34:1–8

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Not only do coaches need a good strategy, but they have to place their players in the right field positions. This week, we'll explore the story of David and The Ark and see how God gave David a specific role in leadership. As he celebrated while some disapproved, David's dedication to God's plan reminds us that following God is the best game plan.

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Felix Bucks Store (15 MIN)

Felix bucks store will be open every week (15 min before the experience begins 9:15am, 10:55am, 12:55pm).

Kids can shop as they arrive. Simply write their names and the date on a paper so you know who has already shopped that day. Same rules apply they can buy 2 small items or 1 large item each week.

Still start countdown right at the start of the experience (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm). Store is closed with 1 min left on countdown so you can begin the experience right as the countdown ends.

CHECK-IN/PLAYTIME (5 MIN)

Check- In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Kids will play until the main experience begins and then you will start lesson (check in will still be open for 15 more minutes station one of your helpers at the door for the remainder of check in)

Start countdown as soon as the main experience starts (9:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm)

Whoever is doing check-in should stay there and welcome all kids. An Adult (18years or older) must drop kids off and check for name-tag with phone number on it.

Welcome (5 MIN)

Introduce yourself and the other teachers

Welcome any first time kids (Have them come up front, introduce them, give them their 5 Felix Bucks and explain what Felix bucks are)

Pass out Felix Bucks (those attending more than one experience can receive Felix Bucks for all experiences they attend)

- Bible (1 Felix Buck)
- Notebook (1 Felix Buck)
- Paper from previous week (5 Felix Bucks)

Huddle up, team! I'm so glad you're on the team as we practice God's *Game Plan* together!

During this series, we are going to be learning all about what God has to say as our lives play out.

This week, we will be talking about how to make sure we are making the right moves on the pitch (*a soccer field*) to get a win.

Our teammate, David, is back to show us that sometimes, things we are called to do may seem a bit silly to others. But it's not silly to God, and that's what matters!

Rules (5 MIN)

Go over Rules quickly but thoroughly:

1. No Talking without Permission
2. Be Kind!
 - Use Kind words (no curse words)
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself (no fighting/shoving)
3. No Running
 - No leaving the classroom without a leader
4. No personal Toys or Electronics
5. HAVE FUN!

You can give Felix bucks to those who know the rules (ex. what is rule #1? whoever can tell you gets a Felix Buck then quickly move to next rule)

Generosity Time (5 MIN)

Briefly explain what a tithe and offering is. That a tithe is giving back to God what is His and then

he blesses the rest. An offering is anything more than our tithe. Everytime we sacrifice and give it opens the door for God to bless us even more.

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 33:11 (NIV) (5 MIN)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have the scripture written out on the white board
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write out the scripture on the white board; Have the kids say the scripture with you a couple of times then erase one or two words each round and have the kids recite it to see if they can say it with the missing words until there are no words left and they are saying it from memory
- **"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."**

MUSIC | All-Star Worship (8 MIN)

- - Play one worship songs from Pro Presenter
 - **1st Experience:** [Praise You Anywhere \(motions\)](#) by LifePoint Kids
 - **2nd Experience:** [Tell the World \(Motions\)](#) by Hillsong United (FWC Kids)
 - Lead Teacher go on stage and have 2 volunteers on either side of you (remind the volunteers what they are doing on the stage. Leading their friends in worship not playing)
 - Don't be afraid to teach the kids about worship for a minute if you feel it is needed or explain the meaning of some of the words in the songs
 - Make sure you pray out of worship. (pray for upcoming week, families, the kids, whatever Holy Spirit is leads you to pray)
 - Don't forget to do Salvation Prayer.
 - make sure helper grabs green salvation bag from the back of Imaginrium, where the shirts are for those who said "yes".
 - Place bag by the door and give to kid(s) who said "yes" to Jesus as they leave. Also, let parent know the decision they made.

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY | Coach Says (10 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this game, you will need lots of space. It's a leveled-up version of "Simon Says." To play, have kids who can stand up. The coach will call out different sports drills (jumping jacks, toe touches, windmills, high knees, jog in place). The kids do the drill that is called out, but only when "Coach Says". If they miss a drill or they do a drill that was not prompted by "Coach Says," they're off the pitch.*

- You had to stay focused and listen to the coach in this game. You might have had voices—from others or in your own head—telling you to give up or do something other than what "Coach Says."
- Life can be like that, too. The times when we get tired, confused, and lost are the hardest times to focus on God's game plan. But those are also the most important times to do just that!
- Focusing on God's game plan is a learned skill that takes practice. The good news is that God is always giving us chances to practice. And, unlike *Coach Says*, we are never out of the game for messing up.

QUESTION | Have you ever? (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the following questions. You can have every kid shout their answer but then ask a few kids to share their answers with everyone. Comment briefly on their answers—and have fun with this!
 - **Have you ever been asked to do something by a coach or teacher that you thought was kind of silly? What happened?**
 - **Have you ever been caught dancing when you thought you were alone or no one was watching?**
 - **Have you ever scored a goal, scored a touchdown, aced a test, then did a victory dance? Care to demo for us?**
- Today, we'll hear more about our teammate David who did the most epic victory dance ever! He was someone who knew that making the right choice and following God's game plan weren't always the most popular things. Let's see how this plays out in today's Bible story.

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

VIDEO | Teaching Video (Week 2) (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Grow TV](#). If you're short on time, show the illustrated [Bible story video](#).
- Or download the months videos [here](#).

BIG IDEA | Following God is the best game plan. (10 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have 7 11x14 poster boards in the room and markers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give a large piece of butcher paper to each team of three to five kids. Assign each team a word or group of words from the Big Idea. Give them five minutes to design a banner with their word in large letters in the middle. Other things on the sign include "Go team!" or "Yeah, sports!" and fun sports-themed doodles. Afterward, line up the teams in order of the Big Idea words, and have two of the team members hold the banner while a third runs through the middle of the banner, tearing it and yelling their word. If you

are short on time, create the banner beforehand and invite kids to run through it together. Afterward, chant the Big Idea together as a cheer!

- **God has a game plan!**
A mighty mighty game plan!
Following God
Is the best game plan!

VIDEO | A Clip Of A Goalie Trying to Score Points (5 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Load the video below on ProPresenter

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Show this animated [short](#), "Goalie," or something like it, about a goalkeeper who is frustrated that he can't get in the game.
- There's a reason why sports teams need a game plan. Every player has to be in their assigned position and work toward a common goal. If a goalkeeper, for example, abandoned their post and tried to score points alone, the team could fall apart and make it easy for the *other* team to score points.
- As a follower of God, David knew his position was to worship God and lead the celebration as the Ark was brought into the city. He stuck to his assignment and followed through with all his might. He didn't allow any discouragement from Michal or anyone else to get him to back down from his purpose.
- We can also trust God's game plan because God always wants what is best for us. We can count on that. So no matter how it plays out in the game, **following God is the best game plan!**

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 34:1–8 (5 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the passage together. Read each verse when prompted below in your best sports announcer or broadcaster voice.
- It's time for today's "Top Five" plays! Brought to us by Psalm 34:1–8.
 - **Number five, it's verses 1–3.** Wow! The psalm writer decides to give God praise all the time, no matter what! And look at that! Even the afflicted, those with illnesses and problems, rejoice!
 - **Number four, we've got verses 4–5.** What a play! God answered when the psalmist cried out. Like God always does!
 - **Number three, verses 6–7, looking sharp!** Oh! It doesn't matter who calls on God. They will be answered. 24–7! 365! It's a game plan carried out to perfection! People revere and follow God, and God protects them and saves them.
 - **Number two, let's recap verses 7–9!** The psalmist invites us, the readers, to "taste and see" for ourselves just how good God is. God welcomes anyone who seeks protection and rescue.
- **Number one, once again, it's Jesus for the win!** Just like David experienced God's protection all throughout his life, like when Saul would chase him for days, God protects and saves us, too ... most notably, through the person of Jesus, who God sent to rescue us from sin and separation.
- Jesus still rescues us from trouble and shows us that **following God is the best game plan!**

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

RESPONSE | God's Plan Playbook (10 MIN)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Print Game two page on the printable one per kid; Print an example of what it could end up looking like (the "like this" link below)
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** *For this activity, you'll need to print out "Game #2" of the [printable](#). During the activity, have kids draw up a "play" based on a situation where they can make peace. Invite them to use Xs and Os to represent different people and arrows to indicate how they'll move or what they'd do. It can end up looking something [like this](#).*
- Okay, team, here's the situation: you are in a position where you have a choice to make—to follow God or follow the crowd.
 - Maybe you happen to come across a group of people making fun of someone.
 - Or they're going somewhere you know you shouldn't go.
 - Or you're being pressured to tell a lie. You can join in, or tell them it's not cool.
- **What do you do? How can you actively follow God and let people know that's the best game plan?**
- Draw up the play on your play sheet, using Xs and Os like the coach of a team would.
- We can make many plans in our lives for what we can do each day. But above them all, **following God is the best game plan!**

REFLECTION | Pass It! (if needed)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have a soccer ball or any ball that can be kicked around in the room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids sit in a circle on chairs. Start with a soccer ball yourself, then ask the first question and pass the ball with your feet to a person who wants to answer. Keep the ball moving around with all who wish to share.*
- **Following God is the best game plan.** When playing sports, we have a coach who comes up with the plays and tells us what to do in order to win the game.
 - **How is God kind of like a coach in this way?**
 - We also have spiritual coaches to do this for us in life. They could be our parents, church leaders, and even our sports coaches! They can help guide us in what it looks like to follow God.
 - **Do you have a spiritual coach?**
- Following God means spending time with God, whether it be by learning from the Bible, praying, or practicing the things we learned. It's also about having a relationship with God through Jesus, God's son. Following God in our Bible Story looked like David dancing behind the Ark of God.
- **What does following God look like in our day-to-day life?**