



## WEEK 7: FORWARD/OFFENSE

### 3rd-8th

**What makes someone a really good forward?** Good forwards are good goal scorers...they put the ball in the back of the net. And to be good at what they do, they are often very stubborn and relentless, meaning they could miss and miss and miss, but they can shake it off and continue to take a chance and shoot over and over again. There is a saying “you will miss 100 percent of the shots you don’t take”. This means unless you shoot you can’t score....Good forwards understand this and keep taking the shot!!

**So how about in life? What would be “scoring a goal” in your life? Maybe something you have to work hard at and fail a few times, but keep working toward?** (*School, friendships, soccer accomplishments...*) We have already had a devotion on the most important “goal you can score” in life, and that is accepting Christ in your heart. If you have already done that then all I have to say is “GOLAZOOOOOOOOOO”. But after that, we are called to show Christ’s love to others, leading them to Christ.

In the Gospels, the first four chapters of the New Testament, we get to read about Jesus’s life on Earth and all the love He showed to others. **Does anyone know in what ways Jesus showed love while here on earth with us?** Christ Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 hungry people, healed sick, made the lame walk again, raised Lazarus from the dead, forgave people of their sins, and spent time getting to know people and love on people that everyone else in society hated, such as tax collectors and sinners. And in the end Christ gave His life for all of us on the cross. Do you know, Jesus was not always accepted for doing this... time after time Jesus was criticized by the religious people...so much that in the end they wanted his life taken because He claimed to be God (because he was and is!!!!) Regardless, He spent his life serving and loving others.

**You may not be performing miracles like Jesus on a regular basis, but how can you show love in your daily life?** *Be kind, share, offer help or food to someone in need, encourage others, share what Jesus has done for you and others....* This is not always easy...sometimes God will want you to be kind to someone who has been nasty to you in the past, or sometimes you will try to show love to others and they will be mean in return. God wants you to be a “good forward” aiming for the goal of LOVING others with Christ’s love and to shake it off and try again and again.

Think of ways you could do better at showing love on your soccer team, in school, and at home...set that as a goal for yourself this week. Hopefully next week you can again say “GOLAZOOOO” after you’ve accomplished it!!

**CLOSE IN PRAYER**