

# God's Team

## PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** God's guidance, spiritual victory

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31

**Memory Verse:** If God is for us, who can be against us? - Romans 8:31

## The Children's Sermon

Today there will be a big football game on TV. Does anyone know what it is called? (Children respond).

That's right - the Super Bowl. I'm going to be rooting for the Steelers to win. (Explain why). Can some of you tell me why you might like a certain team - in any sport? It doesn't have to be football. (Children respond).

Some people say that they may like a certain team because it is a "winning team," which means that it wins most or all of its games. Did you know that you are part of a winning team? That's right; it's called God's Team. If you've asked Jesus into your heart to be your Savior and Lord, you are a part of God's Team!

Every team has a coach who guides them and helps them to do what they need to do to win the game. We've got the best coach ever—God! He always helps us to do what we need to do to live our lives the right way. Being on God's Team means we listen to Him because He knows the best way for us to go.

A football team has the plans that they need to play the game in its playbook. God has given His plans for our lives in His playbook – the Bible. Just like players study their playbook, we can read the Bible to learn how to be on God's Team and follow His game plan.

Sometimes the game doesn't go the way the players want it to. They get knocked down, or make a mistake and drop the ball. They can get hit from behind when they don't expect it. The players sometimes even get hurt. Our lives can be like that too, but we have teammates (others who have asked Jesus into their hearts) to help to pick us up, brush us off, and help us finish the game. Being on God's Team means we're never alone.

When you're on a sports team, you practice a lot, right? You learn the rules of the game and how to play your best. Being on God's Team is similar. We practice by praying, reading the Bible, and doing what it says. This helps us to play our part on God's Team the best we can.

And just like on any team, on God's Team, everyone has a special role. Some of us are really good at encouraging others, some are great sharers, and some are super helpers. God has given each of us special gifts to use on His Team. It's like being a part of a big, loving family where everyone has something important to do.

But what happens when we make a mistake? What if we do something that isn't part of God's game plan? Well, just like a good coach, God doesn't kick us off the team. Instead, He helps us learn from our mistakes. He forgives us and helps us get back in the game. That's because God's Team is about love and forgiveness.

Sometimes, being on God's Team means we face challenges. Maybe someone at school is not being very nice, or we have a hard time with our homework. It's like facing a tough opponent in a game. But remember, God is our coach, and He gives us strength and wisdom to face these challenges. And just like teammates help each other, we can help our friends too.

You know what is the best part? God's Team is always open for more players. We can invite our friends, family, and even people we don't know very well to join God's Team. Sharing God's love is like passing the ball in a game. When we share His love, we're helping others to know the joy of being on God's Team.

In the end, we will always win, because we are on God's Team. Someday we will go to Heaven and live forever with Him, and that's even better than winning the Super Bowl! Being on God's Team is the best team to be on because the victory is eternal.

Dear Lord, thank you for always being with us to help and guide us in all that we do, and for giving others to help us as well. Thank you for letting us be a part of God's Team. Help us to follow Your game plan, use our gifts to help the team, and invite others to join Your team. Amen.

## Bible Memory Verse

### **If God is for us, who can be against us? - Romans 8:31**

You Will Need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons

Get Ready:

- Cut the colored paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.
- Write the memory verse on a large sheet of paper and display it where all the children can see.

Do This:

1. Give each child a heart-shaped piece of paper and markers or crayons. Ask them to decorate their heart with drawings or symbols that remind them of God's love and protection.
2. Once they have finished decorating, help the children write the memory verse on their heart. Younger children may need assistance with writing.
3. Have a sharing circle where each child can show their heart and say the memory verse out loud. Encourage them to talk about what the verse means to them and how they feel knowing that God is always with them.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Colorful construction paper
- Child-safe scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue sticks
- Pictures of simple obstacles (like a big rock, a dark path, etc.) and victories (a trophy, a happy face, etc.)

Get Ready:

- Cut out the pictures of obstacles and victories.

- Prepare a large piece of construction paper for each child.

Do this:

1. Show the children the pictures of obstacles and explain that sometimes we face challenges or things that seem scary or hard.
2. Talk about how God helps us overcome these obstacles, just like in Romans 8:31, which tells us if God is with us, no one can stand against us.
3. Let the children choose pictures of obstacles and glue them on one side of their paper. Then, have them pick victory pictures to glue on the opposite side, showing that with God, they can overcome challenges.

## Snack Activity: God's Victory Boats

You'll Need:

- Whole grain bread slices
- Peanut butter (or any nut/seed butter for allergies)
- Banana slices
- Blueberries

Get Ready: Use a cookie cutter or knife to cut the bread slices into boat shapes.

Do this:

1. Spread peanut butter on each bread boat to symbolize God's guidance keeping us steady and strong in the water of life.
2. Place a banana slice on top as the boat's sail, representing our spiritual victory through God's power.

3. Add a blueberry on top of the banana sail to focus on Romans 8:31, reminding us that if God is for us, who can be against us? Enjoy your snack while discussing how God guides and protects us.

## Game Activity: God's Guiding Light Quest

You'll Need:

- A flashlight for the teacher
- Simple obstacle course setup (pillows, chairs, etc.)
- Pictures of a crown, a heart, and a cross

Get Ready: Set up a simple obstacle course in your classroom or outdoor area, ensuring it's safe for little ones. Hide the pictures of a crown, a heart, and a cross along the course.

Do this:

1. Gather the children and explain that they're going on a quest for spiritual victory, guided by God's light, just like Romans 8:31 says, 'If God is for us, who can be against us?'
2. Turn off the lights (if indoors) and use the flashlight to guide the children through the obstacle course one at a time, helping them find the hidden pictures. Explain each symbol as they find them: the crown for victory, the heart for God's love, and the cross for Jesus' sacrifice.
3. After everyone has completed the course, gather the children and talk about how God guides us through challenges and is always with us, helping us achieve victory over any obstacle.

## Craft Activity: God's Mighty Shield

You'll Need:

- Paper plates
- Aluminum foil
- Stickers or markers

Get Ready: Cut the aluminum foil into squares big enough to cover the paper plates.

Do this:

1. Help the children cover their paper plate with aluminum foil to make it look like a shiny shield.
2. Encourage them to decorate their shields using stickers or markers. They can draw crosses, hearts, or write 'God is with us' to remind them of God's protection and guidance.
3. Share with the children that just like their shields can protect them in play, God's love and guidance protect us every day. Remind them of Romans 8:31, 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' and explain that with God, we can overcome anything.

## Prayer Activity: God's Mighty Team

You'll Need:

- Simple toy figures or paper cutouts of people
- A small box or container labeled 'God's Team'
- A simple picture or poster of a heart

Get Ready: Place the toy figures or paper cutouts next to the 'God's Team' box. Have the heart picture displayed where all the children can see it.

Do this:

1. Read a simplified version of Romans 8:31 to the children, saying, 'If God is for us, who can ever be against us?' Explain that this means God is always with us, helping us to win over anything scary or hard.
2. Invite the children to pick a toy figure or cutout and say a simple prayer, asking God to help them be strong and brave. After they pray, they can place their figure into the 'God's Team' box, showing they are part of God's mighty team.
3. Gather the children around the heart picture and pray together, asking God to fill their hearts with His love and guidance, so they can always remember they are never alone and always on the winning team with God.