

# Victory Sports Outreach Winter Season Weekly Devotions Overview

**Season Theme:**  
Just Do It!

***Season Theme Verse:***

*James 1: 22- "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

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## Victory Sports Outreach ~Winter Season~

### Weekly Devotion Guide

Our passion is to make Jesus Christ known to the children and families that attend Victory Sports functions. In an age of confusion about spiritual matters, the Bible is our only completely reliable source of truth. We want there to be no mistake that we are presenting the Jesus of the Bible. So this season, we're going to check out parts of the book of James as we seek to make our walk match our talk.

If you're new to Victory Sports, we use a fictional story to begin each devotional session which leads into the Bible portion. Then we end each session with prayer. Last year, each sport season represented one segment of a three-part story.

This season we'll pick right back up where we left off during soccer season. Last season, our main character Jay got a phone call from an old friend asking him to come out to California to lead his sports camp for the summer. At the end of their road-trip experience, they were able to give away their faith to the former sports camp director, Doug Randolph.

Now, Jay Phillips must direct the sports camp, but not everyone is a happy camper. The practical application of James is most important as the members of the sports camp learn the real reason for their arguments and how to get along with each other.

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The story and devotions are just a starting point. If you have a personal experience or can think of other verses that also fit the topic, please share from your heart. The devotions work best when you have had a chance to look over the lesson beforehand.

Here are the weekly chapter topics:

Week #1~ Controlling Our Temper- James 1:19-20

Week #2~ Respect/Honoring Each Other-

Week #3~ Selfishness-James 3:14

Week #4~Complaining- James 3:1-12

Week #5~ Stupid & Foolish Arguments- James 4:1-3

Week #6~ Pride/Bragging- James 4:16

Week #7~ Forgiveness vs. Bitterness-

Week #8~ Summary

For deeper insight, please consider the following resources that were used in the devotional sections.

*Desiring God* by John Piper. Multnomah Books. Colorado Springs, CO. 2003.

*Psalm 23: The Song of a Passionate Heart* by David Roper. Discovery House Publishers. Grand Rapids, MI. 1994.

*Andrew Murray on Prayer* by Andrew Murray. Whitaker House. New Kensington, PA. 1998.

All Scripture references are taken from the *Hebrew-Greek Key Word Study Bible : New International Version*. AMG International, Inc. 1996.

Week #1- Controlling Our Temper

James 1:19-20, “My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.”

*Happy Campers: Chapter 1*

Junior throws a fit about helping with basketball instead of doing soccer with Trix.

Week#2- Respect/Honoring each other

Some bigger kids are picking on Sonny- Junior notices and says something to them and his dad

Week #3- Selfishness