



# A Lesson for KIDS CHURCH

**Lesson Title:** Playing On God's Team (INTRO)

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**Lesson Summary:** This lesson is an introduction to a unit on spiritual disciples. The spiritual disciplines will be compared to training to play well on a baseball team.

**Main Point:** Becoming all God made you to be takes training, effort, and planning!

WHEN/WHO	WHAT	TECH/ NEEDS
Announcers Matt and Chip	<b>Ladies and Gentlemen: Welcome to Victory Park – home of the Bullfrogs and Butterflies baseball teams!</b> Did you know, Victory Park is the only baseball park in the league to have TWO home teams? <b>Yes, I did, and oh what a fun rivalry it is!</b> The Bullfrogs are the boys of Victory Park <b>and the Butterflies are the girls.</b> That's right, but both teams are owned by God, <b>that's right, they are playing for God, so no matter who wins the game, they both are winners.</b> No doubt about it, this will be a fun unit in Kids Church! <b>That's right. And kids, you can wear your favorite baseball hat to church for the next two months as we learn about how to have VICTORY by playing on God's Team in life!</b> Let's start out by worshipping God with the KC Worship Team!	Mics: FX: Baseball theme ( <b>Bold</b> and plain are alternating announcers.)
Worship	<b>Teri and Team lead the worship:</b> 1. Give Me A J (on Crazy Praise CD) 2. Davey, Davey 3. Soul Surfin' 4. Man Looks On The Outside (on Great Big God CD) 5. Overcome The World	Mics: Screen
Gus and Karl	Introduce the Topic for the Day – Gus joined a baseball team, the Bullfrogs. Baseball jokes. Did you know baseball is mentioned in the Bible? Yes, Genesis starts out saying "In the Big Inning." That's right, and there's that great story about Gideon who rattled the pitchers, and remember when Elijah was victorious when he went up on the mound against the priests of Baal? Also, Eve stole first, Adam stole second! Goliath was put out by David. Gus is on the Bullfrogs, and they are lean, and mean, and green and on the scene. He is going into training to be the best baseball player he can be. He is	Karls Mic Gus Baseball outfit for Gus
Announcers Matt and Chip	Bob and Larry introduce NoDuh the Wise One, not to be confused with his second cousin Yoda of Star Wars fame. This pointie eared creature is a Christian and he is awesome at teaching spiritual truth.	Mics: announcers
Video Clip	NoDuh, the Wise One, gives an introduction to the spiritual disciples. (video clip – chapter 1)	Yoda puppet DVD / Screen
Molly and Karl	Coach Karl visits Molly, finds out that she is has also joined a baseball team, the Butterflies. (in the puppet leagues) She found out that she will be playing against Gus' team. She is very excited about it!	Karls Mic Molly Sara Mic
Announcers Matt and Chip	Bob and Larry introduce the Bullfrog and Butterflies Players to demonstrate a principle of baseball. Announce that this is the beginning of an exciting new series. The teams are brand new expansion teams and we are yet to discover who is on the teams, but it is sure to be an exciting game! The stands are buzzing with excitement!	Mics:
Krew Skit God's Team	Players come out and take their positions. The only problem is, they are all mixed up, and don't know where to go. They are wearing the wrong hats, and keep changing hats and teams. The coaches are going nuts! "Which Team are you ON?!?!?" They aren't sure. The players keep changing teams, finally the referee comes out, blows the whistle and cancels the game, and tell them all to go pick a team and come back next week when they know what team they are	Bases Ref (with ref outfit) Coaches Players (hats)

	on. Ref and coaches leave in disgust. The players walk off baffled.	
Announcers	Bob and Larry introduce Toybox Tales.	Mics:
Toybox Tale	Charlie Brown Baseball – they are hitting the ball and running around the field collecting points, but finally someone asks who is on the other team, and they ask, “What other team?” They learn that you can’t ‘win’ a game unless there is another team. By your self all you are doing is running around! <b>THE POINT:</b> Some people spend their lives just running around and racking up points, but they never know that there is a REAL GAME and they can join God’s Team and be on the WINNING TEAM for all of eternity.	Karls Mic
Announcers	Bob and Larry introduce Pastor Karl who will bring the lesson.	
PK’s Lesson	<b>Introduction to Spiritual Disciples.</b> Much as a baseball player has to train and discipline himself to be a good baseball player, so a Christian must prepare himself and train to play on God’s Team and be victorious in the game of life. The things a Christian does to TRAIN and PRACTICE are called Spiritual Disciplines.	PowerPoint Run by Karl
7 <sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch	A Krew kid comes and leads the kids in singing <b>Join Me Playing for God’s Team</b> (sung to the tune to Take Me out to the Ballgame).	Henry
Announcers	Bob and Larry introduce the Review Game <b>GRAND SLAM SLUGGERS</b>	
Review Game	<b>Four Boys and Four Girls are Chosen to Play.</b> All four line up at the Home Plate. They attempt to answer review questions from the day. (they write their answer on the white board, and show at the same time – if correct advance a base, if not, no man on base.)For each correct answer they put a person on base. The fourth person on each team has a chance at a Grand Slam Home Run and ALL FOUR score! The winning team will get to sit in the BOX SEATS the next week! If both teams get all four questions right, then it goes into a Home Run Derby. Questions from previous weeks are used. The teams alternate questions. First one to get a wrong answer the other team wins, its that simple.	4 Review Questions 2 white boards
Announcers	Bob and Larry sum up the day and the winners, and introduce a Krew kid who will close in prayer.	
Closing Prayer	Dear God, Thank you for this fun day in Kid’s Church. Help us to chose God’s Team and help us to play by God’s Rules. God, if there are any kids here today who have not chosen to be on your Team, help them to see soon what they need to do to join your team. Help us this week to live for you. Every day, in every way, even when it’s hard. In Jesus Name, Amen.	
<b>REVIEW QUESTIONS</b>	1) What is the name of YOUR team in our unit? <i>Boys = Bullfrogs and Girls = Butterflies</i> 2) A baseball player has to _____ ( <i>train</i> ) and _____ ( <i>practice</i> ) to become a good player 3) Name one of the spiritual disciplines OTHER THAN pray and read the Bible. ( <i>mediate, fast, simplicity, solitude, service, giving, worship, thankfulness,</i> ) GS) Before you can PLAY on God’s Team, you have to _____ God’s Team. ( <i>JOIN</i> )	GS = Grand Slam