

# BASKETBALL LEAGUE DEVOTIONS

Parent Companion Guide

UPWARD  
SPORTS

## PRACTICE 1

### INTRODUCTION TO TRUTH VIRTUES



**Bottom Line: Truth comes from God.**

We hope you are excited about this season! Your child will have the opportunity to learn, grow, make new friends, and have lots of fun. Each week, players will hear a devotion during practice that will teach them an important lesson from the Bible. This season, our theme is truth. We will be looking at the specific virtues of knowledge, wisdom, good news, and honesty. You can use your Parent Companion Guide as a resource to help you have in-depth conversations with your child about these important subjects. Ready? Let's dive into this week's devotion.

God knows everything. He knows the number of stars in the sky. He knows the last digit of Pi. He knows how the dinosaurs went extinct. He knows your favorite ice cream flavor.

And not only does God know all these things and much more, but He's the reason all these things are true. If anything is real, if anything is true—God is the reason behind it. You see, the Bible says God created everything. The universe. The world. Your fingers and toes. God knows everything because He made everything. He designed how everything works.

Imagine that someone created a real flying car. Who would you trust to tell you about it—the engineer who designed it or someone who plays a lot of Mario Kart? The engineer, of course!

God designed everything we know. He even designed each of us. Because He's the designer, He knows how everything works. He knows the truth about everything! We can trust that He knows what's true, what's right, and what's best—in every situation.

This season, we will be learning about knowledge, wisdom, and honesty. God designed all knowledge, has perfect wisdom, and wants us to live with honesty. If we respect God and want to honor Him, these things will be very important in our lives. God has so much truth to teach us. Our job is to pay attention by learning about what He has made, by reading the words He's given us in the Bible, and by talking to Him in prayer to get to know Him better. Then, we can show we believe the truth God has given us by letting it guide the way we live.

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

(Apply to Any Grade This Week)

- What are you most excited about this season?
- What are some ways we can know what is true?

## GOING DEEPER

*(Each week, we'll recommend a passage from the Bible for you to read with your child. If you don't own a Bible, you can download the YouVersion Bible App for free.)*



This week, spend time reading Genesis 1:1-31 with your child. Talk about how God created the universe and designed everything—including us! Read verse 27. What is special about how God made humans? What do you think it means that we are made in God's image?

*If you have a younger child, get some paper and crayons/markers and help them draw what God made on each day of the creation story.*