

Devotions

As an Upward Coach, you are not only teaching skills for the sport but also values for life. The Practice Devotion allows you to teach the character of Christ through biblical themes. This season will focus on themes which are taught in your practices and are highlighted by Bible verses. The chart below is designed to assist you as you organize and prepare for your devotions. It shows the biblical themes and verses for each group of practices.

PRACTICE NUMBER	BIBLICAL THEME	VERSE
Week 1	Welcome	None <i>(Scripture learning begins at Practice 2)</i>
Week 2	What is the Bible?	<i>All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)</i>
Week 3	Who is God?	<i>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:13 (NLT)</i>
Week 4	What is Sin?	<i>Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it. James 4:17 (NLT)</i>
Week 5	Who is Jesus?	<i>Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NLT)</i>

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Week 6	What is the Crucifixion?	<i>He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. Romans 4:25 (NLT)</i>
Week 7	Who is the Holy Spirit?	<i>And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. Romans 8:26 (NLT)</i>
Week 8	What is Salvation?	<i>KEY VERSE: For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NLT)</i>
Week 9	What is the Church?	<i>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)</i>
Week 10	What is Worship?	<i>And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17 (NLT)</i>
Week 11	What is God's Plan for my Life?	<i>For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)</i>