DRAFT DAY

TODAY'S FOCUS

In sports, kids admire legendary figures who have dominated their game, sometimes forgetting the hard times those players have faced. In faith, kids will see how Jesus is the most legendary person. He wants them on His team in spite of difficulties or poor choices they have made.



Legends don't give up.

Overview

Today you will introduce kids to the most legendary person of all time–Jesus!

Kids probably have many legendary people in their lives—those people who have left an unforgettable impression on them—athletes, teachers, their parents or grandparents, or maybe even an older kid who lives in their community. In today's Opening Rally, kids will think about how legendary people don't give up.

During the Halftime Rally, you'll take the kids back to the early years of sports legend Michael Jordan's basketball career. Then Coach Drew will introduce the kids to the most legendary person of all time, Jesus, by sharing the MEGA Point.

Today's Bible story will show the kids how Jesus wants them on His team. Many people did not see the woman at the well as the best person to join any team. Some kids at Sports Camp might not feel like they are good enough to be on any team, much less one led by Jesus. Every day MEGA Sports Camp will help kids see their opportunity to be on a team with Jesus.



Works Harder



Jesus Meets the Samaritan Woman John 4



MEGA Verse

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. 2 Timothy 4:7, NLT

> OPENING RALLY

RALLY SEGMENT	PERSONNEL NEEDED
• WELCOME	Rally Coach; Music Coach
COACH DREW SPOTLIGHT	Rally Coach
MEGA VISITS	MEGA; Rally Coach
• AWARDS, MEET THE COACHES, WARM-UP	Rally Coach; Head Coaches
• PRAYER	Rally Coach
YOU WILL NEED	GETTING READY
Flash Drive	Practice the songs you plan to sing.
Day 1 Sports Flash	Read through the Opening Rally so you are comfortable sharing with the kids.
 "I Did It" slip Basketball shoes, goggles, headband, and basketball for MEGA 	 Print the Rally Guide pages from the Flash Drive for MEGA to review.
	Give MEGA the basketball and equipment.

WELCOME

- Have fun music playing as the kids arrive.
- Display the Opening Rally slide.

Welcome to our first MEGA Sports Camp rally! Can somebody give me a woot woot?! (*Group response*) I am so glad you all are here. We are going to play some sports at this camp. Are you ready for that? (*Group response*) I am! And how about we throw in a lot of fun too? Who's ready? (*Group response*)

In between Sports Sessions, we'll come together for rallies like this. These rallies will be fun times to discover more about our theme: Legendary. Who wants to be legendary? Let me hear it! *(Group response)* Throughout this camp, we are going to find out what it takes to become a legend.

Who's ready to get this camp started? Let me know by shouting out the name of the sport you came to learn more about at our Sports Camp. (*Group response*)

- Invite the Music Coach to the stage to lead the song.
- Play the "MEGA Sports Camp Song" video.
- Play the Coach Drew Intro video.



Directions for displaying and playing the MEGA Sports Camp Slides and videos are included in the text.





COACH DREW SPOTLIGHT

• Display the Coach Drew Spotlight slide.

Today at MEGA Sports Camp we are going to talk about not giving up. Let's find out a little more about this from Coach Drew

- Play the Day 1 Coach Drew Spotlight video.
- Display the Day 1 Theme-Draft Day slide.

Who can tell me what happens on Draft Day for professional sports? *(Allow responses)* Yes, each year professional sports (football, baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey) have a draft when they choose players to join their teams. High schools don't have a draft, but they do have tryouts when coaches decide who gets cut and who goes to which team–junior varsity or varsity.

It would be easy for a kid to just give up if he gets cut. But others take that disappointment and work harder to make the team next time. Today we'll hear about a legendary athlete who used his disappointment in not making the team to inspire him to work harder to become the best teammate.

MEGA VISITS

• MEGA enters wearing basketball shoes, goggles, headband, and bouncing a basketball. He should try a variety of basketball maneuvers (dribble between his legs, twirl the ball on his finger, make a spin move) and fail, but keeps on trying. He should create quite a scene.

Kids, this is MEGA. He's our Sports Camp mascot. Let's welcome him to our rally. *(Lead the kids in applauding for MEGA.)* MEGA, I didn't know you loved basketball so much.

• MEGA nods yes enthusiastically.

I can see that you have been working hard though. Can you show me a few of your best moves?

• MEGA is hesitant.

Hey, kids! Help me encourage MEGA to show us his basketball skills. (*Lead the kids in cheering for MEGA*.)

• MEGA attempts those same moves, once again failing but trying again.

That's really great! I love that even when you didn't get something quite right, you kept trying. That's what we are focusing on at Sports Camp today. MEGA, will you hang out with us today and help us work on our MEGA Point a little bit later?

• MEGA nods enthusiastically.







If there are kids present from another camp, ask one to come up, give MEGA a high five or a hug, and explain to everyone who MEGA is and what he does.

AWARDS

• Display the Awards slide.

Another way we get to have fun this week is with awards slide! Raise your hand if you love awards and prizes. *(Group response)* Every day, each of you will get a Sports Flash filled with fun activities.

• Hold up the *Day 1 Sports Flash*.

Everyone who tries to do the activities and brings back the "I Did It!" portion next time will get their name entered in a special drawing

• Tear off and show what to return.

Every day we'll give away special prizes, so remember to bring back your "I Did It!" slips.

• Hold up the items you've chosen as prizes. (The **Water Bottle** or **T-shirt** from your kit make great prizes. Other options are marked in the **MEGA Sports Camp Catalog**.)









THEME KEEPER BUTTONS

Who likes to collect things? Wave your hand. *(Group response)* That's great! I know I like to collect things. Every day you attend, you'll get a new **Theme Keeper Button**. When you collect them all, you'll have every MEGA Point!.

• Show the Legendary Theme Keeper Buttons.

MEET THE COACHES & WARM-UP

Are you ready for your first Sports Session? (*Group response*) Excellent! Before we head out, you need to meet the Head Coaches. You're going to have fun during the Sports Session every day.

• Call the Head Coaches to the front, grouped by sport. Introduce each coach.

Now let's get warmed up before we head out to sports time. Everyone, stand up and get ready to move.



- Play the "MEGA Sports Camp Warm-Up Song" video.
- Display the Day 1 Theme-Draft Day slide..
- MEGA exits now if he has not done so already. (MEGA should be off stage during all prayers to avoid distracting the kids.)

Great job warming up!

PRAYER

We are almost ready to go. Let's pray and ask God to be with us today.

Dear God, thank You for bringing each one of these great kids to MEGA Sports Camp today. Help everyone to have fun and stay safe while we play. Help us to listen carefully to our coaches as they show us how to become better athletes. Amen.

• Dismiss the kids to go to Sports Session 1.





MEGA should be off stage during all prayers to avoid distracting the kids.



Feel free to adapt the prayer as needed to fit your camp.

> SPORTS SESSION 1

The Head Coaches conduct this session in the various Sports Areas. Instructions are found in the sports playbooks. The Huddle Coaches will assist the Head Coaches and encourage the athletes.

> COACH HUDDLE

Coach Huddle is held in the Sports Areas. The Huddle Coaches lead this discussion time with their kids. The Coach Huddle Guide provides the Huddle Coaches with direction.

> SPORTS SESSION 2

The Head Coaches conduct this session in the various Sports Areas. Instructions are found in the sports playbooks.



Let the kids take a break and finish their snacks before they gather for the Halftime Rally.







HALFTIME RALLY

RALLY SEGMENT	PERSONNEL NEEDED
• WELCOME	Rally Coach; Music Coach
MEGA VISITS	MEGA; Rally Coach
• SPORTS STORY, MEGA POINT SPOTLIGHT	Rally Coach; MEGA
• CONCLUSION	Rally Coach; MEGA
YOU WILL NEED	GETTING READY
 Flash Drive Basketball Piece of paper for MEGA Nerf basketball and hoop or laundry basket and stuffed pillow basketball 	 Practice the songs you plan to sing. Read through the Halftime Rally so you are comfortable sharing with the kids. Print the Rally Guide pages from the Flash Drive for MEGA to review. Write quote from the first paragraph page 25 on paper. Give basketball and piece of paper to MEGA. Recruit two coaches to compete with MEGA.

WELCOME

- Transition from snack time by playing the "MEGA Sports Camp Song" to announce the beginning of the Halftime Rally. Encourage the kids to begin singing as soon as they arrive.
- Display the Halftime Rally slide.
- Invite the Music Coach to the stage to lead the song.
- Play the "MEGA Sports Camp Song" video.

If you've been having fun today, cheer as loud as you can! *(Group response)* Who's already learned something new? *(Group response)* That's awesome!

• Display the Day 1 Theme-Draft Day slide.

MEGA VISITS

• MEGA enters dribbling a basketball, attempting to dribble between his legs and failing several times. But he keeps trying.

Hi, MEGA! Did you learn a new skill in the Sport Sessions?

• MEGA shrugs uncertainly but then nods. He takes a piece of paper out of his pocket and hands it to you with a big smile on his face.

What's this? Do you want me to read it to the kids?

• MEGA nods enthusiastically.









"I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." That's a great quote and it really matches our MEGA Point for today. Can you stick around and help me tell our Sports Story?

• MEGA nods yes enthusiastically and finds a place to sit.

SPORTS STORY

YOU WILL NEED	GETTING READY
☐ Flash Drive	Recruit a couple of coaches to compete with MEGA shooting at a Nerf basketball hoop (or use a round laundry basket with a stuffed pillow basketball). Having multiple "baskets" would allow you to let MEGA race to make the most baskets.

Today's sports story is about a very good basketball player. Who's here to learn more about basketball? (*Group response*) Stand up and show me your best shooting form. Ready? Go! (*Group response*)

Who's heard of Michael Jordan? *(Group response)* He is truly legendary; it seems almost everyone knows who he is. One of his nicknames is "His Airness" because of his jumping ability and skills on the court.

• Display the **Day 1 Sports Flash** slide.

Michael grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina, loving many sports. He played basketball, baseball, and football in high school. His mom and dad raised him to be able to succeed in life. What big lesson do you think he learned from his parents? *(Group response)*

I think I heard someone say this–work hard! His mom even taught him how to sew, cook, and do laundry. Can you imagine someone as legendary as Michael Jordan, I mean, "His Airness," sewing something or doing laundry? (*Group response*)

But those little things taught Michael a very important lesson about hard work and never giving up.

Michael was a naturally great athlete from the time he was your age. His dad built a basketball court in their backyard for Michael and his brothers and sisters. Michael had high hopes for his sophomore season of high school basketball. Fifty boys tried out for fifteen spots on the varsity team. Michael didn't make it because the coaches thought he wasn't tall enough. He was so disappointed that he cried.

Hey, MEGA! Do you still have that piece of paper with you?

• MEGA nods and brings it to the front.

Maybe that is when Michael started living by this statement, "I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept



not trying." Do you think he gave up? (Group response)

You're right! Instead, Michael worked even harder and became the best player on the junior varsity team. He scored forty points in a game! MEGA, how many shots that would be?

• MEGA ponders that, squinting his eyes as he considers a guess.

That's at least twenty shots in each game. Do you think you can make twenty shots, MEGA? Let's bring up a couple of coaches to compete against you. Kids, point at your coach if you think they should shoot hoops with MEGA. (*Pause while the kids respond.*)

- Choose the coaches you selected before the rally started. Invite them to the front. If using laundry baskets, have someone hold the baskets for others to shoot at.
- Select someone as the scorekeeper

Okay, coaches and MEGA. You're going to shoot at your basket for thirty seconds and we'll see who can make the most baskets. Are you ready? Go!

• Let MEGA and the coaches shoot. If you want to make it funny, MEGA's basket holder can move his basket as he's shooting.

Way to go everyone! That was some really good shooting.

• Let the kids clap for the coaches and MEGA as they return to their seats. MEGA should stay close to the stage.

Let's wrap up our story. Michael dominated the junior varsity games in his sophomore year. He trained hard after that season and he also grew five inches taller. Every time he would get tired from his hard workouts, he would remember that his name wasn't on that varsity team list and he would work harder. He made the varsity team his junior year and became the star of the team. He was recognized as one of the best high school basketball players in the country.

Michael Jordan didn't allow the disappointment of not making the varsity team to keep him from becoming legendary. He did not give up. Instead, he worked harder to improve his skills and make the team.

MEGA POINT SPOTLIGHT

- Play the Day 1 MEGA Point Spotlight video.
- Display the Day 1 MEGA Point slide.

Every day in Sports Camp we are going to focus on something we can learn about becoming legendary. Coach Drew admires all our sports legends we will talk about, but Jesus is the most legendary person Coach Drew knows. We are going to learn a lot





by hearing about the best. MEGA, can you come up and help us practice today's MEGA Point?

• MEGA jumps up on the stage and does the MEGA Point action.

Hey, kids! Remember what we're supposed to do? (*Group response*) That's right. We'll say the MEGA Point. Let's all say it together.

Legends don't give up.

Excellent! Let's have just the girls say the MEGA Point.

Legends don't give up.

That was great! Okay, boys, stand up and say the MEGA Point.

Legends don't give up.

• MEGA jumps up and down and claps excitedly.

You'll find out more about not giving up and being on Jesus' team in the Closing Rally. MEGA, will you be with us then?

MEGA nods

CONCLUSION

Kids, watch for MEGA during your next Sports Session and be ready to say the MEGA Point when he shows up. Are you ready to play some more sports? *(Group response)*

• MEGA waves excitedly.

Great! Follow your coach and go have fun!

• Dismiss the kids and coaches to Sports Session 3.





MEGA Point Action



If kids really enjoyed the "MEGA Sports Camp Warm-Up Song," repeat it before dismissing to Sports Session 3.



There are lots of extras on the **Flash Drive**-3x7' banners, postcards, artwork, and more.



The Head Coaches conduct this session in the various Sports Areas. Instructions are found in the sports playbooks.

CLOSING RALLY

RALLY SEGMENT	PERSONNEL NEEDED
• WELCOME	Rally Coach; Music Coach
MEGA VISITS	MEGA; Rally Coach
BIBLE STORY	Rally Coach
RESPONSE TIME, PRAYER, CLOSING	Rally Coach; Huddle Coaches
YOU WILL NEED	GETTING READY
 Flash Drive Bible Day 1 Sports Flash Theme Keeper 	 Practice the songs you plan to sing. Read through the Closing Rally so you are comfortable sharing with the kids. Print the Rally Guide pages from the Flash Drive for MEGA to review.

WELCOME

- Have fun music playing as the kids arrive.
- Display the Closing Rally slide.

Welcome back! Wave your hand if you've had fun today and learned not to give up. *(Group response)* I know you have definitely done a great job singing, so let's learn a new song too!

- Invite the Music Coach to the stage to lead the song.
- Play the "Jump" video.
- Display the Day 1 MEGA Point slide.

MEGA VISITS

• MEGA runs on stage excitedly.

MEGA! I'm so glad you're back. Can you help me review the MEGA Point with the kids?

• MEGA nods enthusiastically and then does the MEGA Point action.

Kids, can you shout out the MEGA Point for MEGA?

Legends don't give up.

What do you think, MEGA? Did they do a good job learning the MEGA Point?

• MEGA nods enthusiastically.

Well, MEGA, thank you for all your help today. I have one last question for you. Can you think of anyone who might be more









MEGA Point Action

legendary than Michael Jordan? I mean, Michael's nickname is "His Airness." Who can be better than that?

• MEGA jumps up and down excitedly.

What, MEGA? Do you know someone more legendary than Michael Jordan?

• MEGA continues jumping and points upward.

Oh! Good point, MEGA! Kids, who does MEGA think is more legendary than "His Airness?" (*Group response*) I think you're right! MEGA, do you believe that Jesus is more legendary than Michael Jordan?

• MEGA nods vigorously.

You are so right, MEGA! Jesus is the ultimate example of someone who is legendary. One definition of the word *legendary* is "well-known or famous." Thank you, MEGA. Now we're going learn about one of Jesus' most legendary moments. See you next time!

• MEGA waves good-bye as he exits.

BIBLE STORY (JOHN 4:4–24)

YOU WILL NEED	GETTING READY
☐ Bible ☐ Bucket	 Read through the Bible Story so you are comfortable sharing with the kids. Choose five kid volunteers to help with the Bible Story.

- Display the Day 1 Bible Story slide.
- Have five kids help you act out parts of the story. At least one should be a girl. Ask Head or Huddle Coaches to select kids before you begin the Bible Story.

Every day at MEGA Sports Camp, we'll hear a true story from the Bible.

• Hold up the Bible.

The Bible is the most special book in the world because it is inspired by God Himself. That means the words came from God. Today's lesson is about Jesus, God's Son. It's from an early time in Jesus' time here on earth.

• Open the Bible to John 4.

This story is found in the Gospel of John as Jesus and His disciples were leaving Jerusalem to go back home to Galilee. (*Ask for four of the kids to come up front to help you with the story.*)



That could be anywhere from a seventy to a hundred mile walk. Yes, you heard me right—up to one hundred miles! Who thinks they could make that walk? (*Allow responses.*) I'd like for you four to start walking in circles on the stage. I'll let you know when to stop. (*During the rest of the story, check in with the four walking kids to keep them engaged in the story as well.*)

The Bible tells us that Jesus chose to go through Samaria to get to Galilee. This was very unusual. The Samaritan people were not liked by the Jews. They were so disliked that most Jews going from Jerusalem to Galilee walked extra miles just to stay out of Samaria. Do you think you would want to walk the extra miles? *(Group response)* I don't think I would like that, but even Jesus' disciples would have chosen to avoid Samaria if at all possible.

What kinds of questions do you think Jesus' disciples asked when Jesus said He wanted to go through Samaria? (*Allow responses.*) But the Bible tell us that "[Jesus] had to go through Samaria on the way" (John 4:4). He chose to go through the land of the people that most people in His country would avoid. (*Encourage the kids who are walking and let them know they're almost done.*)

About noon, Jesus and His disciples reached a small Samaritan village. Jesus stopped outside the city near a water well. His disciples went into the town to buy some food. (*Let the four walking volunteers stop and be seated.*) But before you go, was that easy to walk just that short distance not knowing when I was going to ask you to stop? (*Allow responses.*) Imagine continuing to walk for as long as a day or two. Can we thank these kids for helping? (*Group response*)

While Jesus was alone at the well resting, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. (*Ask the final volunteer to join you. Give her a bucket to hold.*) That might sound kind of weird, right? Sinks and faucets hadn't been invented, so the women would go to the well each day to get water for their homes.

There are two things that are odd about this encounter. The first is the woman's timing. It's really hot at noon in Samaria. Most women went for water early in the morning. Maybe this woman was trying to avoid the other women by choosing to collect water at noon. Maybe she didn't think the other women liked her. Have you ever felt like you didn't fit in? *(Allow responses.)* I think we all feel that way sometimes.

The second odd thing is the fact that Jesus chose to speak to her. In those days, a Jewish man would not speak to a Samaritan woman. Remember how we said earlier that Jews didn't like Samaritans? (*Group response*) The woman was shocked that Jesus very politely said, "Please give me a drink." (*Ask the volunteer to act surprised.*) Now we find out why it was so important for Jesus to go through Samaria to get to Galilee. He chose this woman to join His team of followers. He spoke to her about living water, but she didn't understand. (The girl volunteer should get a confused look on her face. Maybe she could scratch her head.)

The more Jesus talked to the woman, the more she began to understand that Jesus was no ordinary man or teacher. He was definitely legendary! He knew so much about God in a personal way and she could tell that He was different. She believed that Jesus was God's Son. (*Let the girl volunteer look amazed. Thank her for her help and let her return to her seat.*)

Jesus will do whatever it takes to make sure even one person hears the truth of His love and desire for all to know Him. The Samaritan woman at the well didn't seem to be someone others would choose to get to know and invite to become a good friend. She was from a group of unliked people and then she appears not to be liked even within her own city. But Jesus "had to go through Samaria" to get to Galilee. He knew He would meet her at the well. He wanted her on His team just like He wants each of us on His team.

RESPONSE TIME

We are going to learn so much more about Jesus during MEGA Sports Camp, but isn't it great to know right away that the most legendary person of all time wants each one of us on His team? (*Group response*)

Remember that a legend is someone whose deeds are famous or well-known while he or she is still alive. At MEGA Sports Camp, we will hear about several legendary athletes, but none of them will ever be as legendary as Jesus.

We're going to end today by taking some time to think about how we can be determined not to give up when we experience difficulties in life. Instead we can remember that Jesus wants us on His team. He is willing to meet us wherever we are to let us know that. Jesus will meet us anywhere we are. We can connect with Him by reading the Bible or by just talking to Him by praying.

Let's give Jesus a little time and meet with Him right now, okay? I'm going to pray for you. **Dear Jesus,** thank You for wanting us on Your team. Thank You for this Bible story about a woman that You went out of Your way to meet and tell her the truth of Your salvation. Help us learn what it means to be a part of a team in sports. We want to see the importance of being a part of Your team forever. Amen.

If any of you have more questions about what it means to be a part of Jesus' team, come see me later.

• Display the Day 1 Theme-Draft Day slide.

PRAYER & CLOSING

YOU WILL NEED	GETTING READY
 □ Day 1 Sports Flash □ Theme Keeper Button 1 	None

PRAYER

We have a fun way of praying together as we end MEGA Sports Camp. Everyone gather in a circle with your Huddle Coach.

Huddle Coach, hold one hand out in the middle of your circle of kids.

Kids, stack your hands on top. Then let's pray.

Dear God, thank You for such a great day at MEGA Sports Camp. Thank You for showing us that You care about each one of us and want us to join Your team. We love You. We look forward to coming back next time. Amen.

f While MEGA Sports Camp is designed for a specific salvation altar time on Day 4, the Holy Spirit may draw kids to salvation on other days of

your camp.

COACH'S

CORNER

You may wish to ask your Prayer Coach to be available to pray with kids for salvation at the end of any Response Time. This will allow the Huddle Coaches to continue guiding the other kids during the Closing Time.

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CLOSING

Okay, keep your hands stacked. Now we're going to wrap up our MEGA Sports Camp time for today. Join me as I count to three. Then, Huddle Coaches, lead your group in shouting, "MEGA Sports Camp" as you throw your hands up into the air. Ready? One, two, three. *MEGA Sports Camp!* As you leave today, you'll get today's **Theme Keeper Button**. Plus you'll get the first **Sports Flash**. Do the activities inside and bring back the "I Did It!" slip next time, so you can enter the drawing for a prize.

• Show the **Day 1 Sports Flash** and point out the slip kids need to return.

Great job, everyone! Thanks for a great day at our MEGA Sports Camp event. Good-bye and we'll see you next time!

• Give a copy of *Day 1 Sports Flash* and a **Theme Keeper Button** to each kid.





Play the "MEGA Sports Camp Song" as the kids leave for the day.



Verify the sign-out procedure for kids with the Director.