



NORTHVIEW  
**STUDENTS**  
5th/6th grade

DATE(S)

February 12-13, 2022

SERIES AND LESSON TITLE

Super Bowl Weekend

TAKE-HOME POINT (THP)

Worship is complete surrender  
to God!

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Mark 10:17-27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give any Campus-Specific Announcements



THE OVERVIEW

# OPENING GAME / GROUP TIME

## LARGE-GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

### Face Booty Awesome – Football Edition

Whether you're a football fan, you'll definitely leave this game thinking, "Man, I could have done better than that!" Determine after the short video clip whether the football player fell on his face, his booty, or did something awesome. Process-of-elimination – last student/group standing wins!

## OPENING SMALL GROUP

### QUESTIONS

Take attendance and make sure to welcome anyone who is a first-time guest!

What was the highlight of your week?

What do you normally do for the Super Bowl? What are your plans?

When you're finished (and there's time), pray for our time of worship.

STUFF TO ASK TO UNIQUELY CONNECT THE LESSON TO KIDS' LIVES

### ACTIVITIES

STUFF TO DO SO THINGS AREN'T BORING



# LARGE-GROUP SCRIPT

## THE MESSAGE

**Jersey Day/Super Bowl Weekend**  
**February 12-13, 2022**

As you all know, this weekend is one of the most well-known and massive sporting events in the world: the Super Bowl! Now, some of you will care who wins the game and some of you won't. Some of you will just watch the commercials or half-time show and some of you will just show up at someone's house and eat a ton of food. Regardless, this game will be watched by MILLIONS of people all over the world!

For many of these people, they will have a great Monday morning and a great week overall! Why? They will be over-the-top excited and happy because their team won! However, the opposite is true as well. There will be a ton of people who will be sad and miserable because their team DIDN'T win. Some people will be in the middle and might be indifferent and not to either extreme like the other two groups of people I mentioned.

This might be a weird statement, but...I believe the Super Bowl is one of the biggest worship services of the year. That probably sounded really weird and you're probably like, "What do you mean a worship service? It's just a game!" We could have a big debate about whether or not God cares about a meaningless sporting event, but this game will still be a place where fans of either team cheer, scream, gasp, yell at the referees (even through their TV!), sweat, and pace/walk around the room. It's like their whole life depends on this game.

These people will give complete control or surrender their happiness/well-being to the result of a game. A GAME! That's why I believe it will be a worship service. Here's what I mean...

Worship is defined as "respect or adoration for a god." However, worship is also defined as "excessive admiration for something or someone." I think the fans I described earlier would fit this definition because a "fan" is defined as "an enthusiastic admirer." Fans are way up when their team wins or life is good; way down when they lose or when life is bad. Think about it...companies will spend millions and millions of dollars for a 30-second commercial tonight just so they can get more business and make more money. For many people, the Super Bowl can be an object of worship.

# THE MESSAGE

I believe the Super Bowl can teach us a lot about God and worship, in particular. So, here we go...here is the THP (Take Home Point) for today! **Worship is complete surrender to God!**

If worship is complete surrender to God, that means there's no "halfway in and halfway out." Christianity is going to force us to answer, "Am I all in?" The question I want to pose to each of us today is this – are we simply a FAN of Jesus or are we a FOLLOWER of Jesus?

**(Teacher's Note: Show "Not A Fan" message video)**

That video should really challenge us to examine our relationship with God. Are we fans or followers of Jesus? A fan of Jesus will be really excited about his or her faith one minute and then the moment something goes wrong or becomes difficult, they fade away...just like many sports fans. Have you ever heard the phrase "fair weather fan"? It's just an expression for someone who only roots for their team when they're doing well, but if they stink, they don't really cheer for them. I think that applies to many Christians today.

However, as the video said, a follower of Jesus...a true worshiper of God...is someone completely surrendered to God. Even when life is hard, they are still willing to follow Jesus. It's much harder to be a follower than a fan. Here's an interesting story from the New Testament to illustrate my point. It comes from Mark 10:17-27:

*"As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me. At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."*

# THE MESSAGE

Jesus knew the one thing this man was not willing to give up to be a follower. He was definitely a fan: he kept all those commandments Jesus mentioned since he was a boy. However, he loved money...he loved it more than God. That's why he was so sad when Jesus asked him to give it up and follow Him.

Now, this doesn't mean we have to give away all our money to be a Christian...but, I think we can fill-in-the-blank with things we don't want lose. Maybe for you...in order to be a Christian, you need to stop hanging out with a certain friend or group of friends. Maybe you need to spend more time using the words you say to build people up instead of tearing them down. For others, it might mean taking your faith more seriously: spending more time reading your Bible or in prayer and making a deeper commitment to your faith and coming to church on a regular basis and not just because "you have to."

Our **THP** is important – **Worship is complete surrender to God**. Whether you know it or not, we are all worshiping something or someone.

**(Teacher's Note: Show "Everyone Worships" message video)**

The Super Bowl is a game, but your life is not a game. This is real stuff. Who or what are you going to worship? It's not a matter of IF you will worship – it's who or what you will worship. Are you going to live your life as a FAN and only worship or surrender your life to God when things are good, or are you going to be FOLLOWER of Jesus through thick and thin?

We need to examine our hearts and commit to our THP: being true worshipers; completely surrendered to God.

**(Teacher's Note: Move into Gospel presentation)**

# CLOSING SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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### QUESTIONS

What was the THP today and why was that important during the message?

Today, we talked about being a fan of Jesus or a follower of Jesus. The video we watched talked about this idea. How did Pastor Kyle define what a "fan" of Jesus is and what a "follower" of Jesus is? What was the difference?

We looked at a story in the New Testament about Jesus meeting a young rich man. Can anyone summarize what happened? What can we learn from this story?

After watching the "Everyone Worships" video, what was your reaction? Do you agree with the idea that everyone worships something (whether they know it or not)? Why or why not?

What are some different types of worship? Which of these ways helps you connect with God? Why?

How will the THP help you to live differently this week? Try to think of a specific example.

How can this group pray for you this week?

### FINAL THOUGHTS

**Celebrate and encourage those students who made a first-time commitment to follow Jesus today! Let them know we want to help support them as they begin this journey.**

**After your group is finished with your discussion questions, close in prayer!**

Encourage those students in your group who made first-time decisions or who made re-commitments to follow Jesus today! Tell them that this group is a support system for them and they don't have to do this life alone. If there is a student who makes a first-time commitment to Christ, have them text NVSNEXT to 85379 or fill out a response card so you can capture their information and our staff can follow up with them. Once your group discussion is over, close your group in prayer!



# PREP NEEDS

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## SMALL-GROUP SUPPLIES

- Some Bibles for students to share during group discussion
- Pen/paper for SOAP study (optional)

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## LARGE-GROUP SUPPLIES

- Stupid Video of the Week
- Message script
- Message slides

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## AUDIO/VISUAL NEEDS

- Pro Presenter or Playlister