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WEEK 7: FORWARD/OFFENSE

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What is a forward? *The player that stays closer to the goal to score!* **Does anyone know what makes someone a great forward?** *Yes, it is someone who is good at scoring goals. But it is also someone who no matter how many times he/she misses the goal, he/she will keep trying and trying and trying to score.*

Now let's shift focus to goals in LIFE...God has a couple big goals for us to try and score. The first one is asking Him into our hearts. If you have done that then "GOLAZOOOOOO"!!!! Another is that we would help others do the same by showing them God's love.

In the New Testament, we read about all the love He showed to others. **Does anyone know in what ways Jesus showed love while here on earth with us?** Christ Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people, healed sick people, made the lame (those who couldn't walk) walk again, raised Lazarus from the dead, forgave people of their sins, and spent time getting to know people and love on people that everyone else in society hated, such as tax collectors and sinners. And in the end Christ gave His life for all of us on the cross. Sadly, Jesus was not always praised for doing this... time after time the religious leaders would get mad at Jesus and say bad things about him...so mad they wanted to take his life because He claimed to be God (because he was and is!!!!) Regardless, He spent his life serving and loving others.

You may not be performing miracles like Jesus on a regular basis, but how can you show love in your daily life? *Be kind, share, offer help or food to someone in need, encourage others, share what Jesus has done for you and others....* This is not always easy...sometimes God will want you to be kind to someone who has been mean to you in the past, or sometimes you will try to show love to others and they will be say mean things in return. God wants you to be a "good forward" aiming for the goal of LOVING others with Christ's love and to try to show love again and again and again!!

Think of ways you could do better at showing love on your soccer team, in school, and at home...set that as a goal for yourself this week. Hopefully next week you can again say "GOLAZOOOO" after you've accomplished it!!

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