

Commitment

INTRODUCTION

This lesson uses the film "*Facing the Giants*" to introduce the concepts of commitment and teamwork to achieve a common goal. The film will establish a common ground from which to build upon the overall objective of instilling the importance of committing oneself and teamwork to successfully complete the Journeyman Life Skills.

Lesson goals for the participant:

Communicate a desire for self development; participate in a small group instruction classroom environment.

Compile a letter that effectively communicates your sincerity and commitment to complete the Life Skills Lessons.

Engage in small group discussion upon completing assigned learning activities.

***This lesson delivery may require numerous sessions to allow for reflection and homework assignment completion.**

PRESENTATION

Facing the Giants - The Story: Family-friendly drama about a high school football coach who draws up a new game plan for his team and himself. In his six years of coaching, Grant Taylor has never had a winning season. Even the hope of a new season is squelched when the best player on his Shiloh Eagles decides to transfer schools. After losing their first three games of the season, the coach discovers a group of fathers are plotting to have him fired. Combined with pressures at home, Coach Taylor has lost hope in his battle against fear and failure. However, an unexpected challenge helps him find a purpose bigger than just victories. Daring to trust God to do the impossible, Coach Taylor and the Eagles discover how faith plays out on the field and off. With God, all things are possible.

Grant Taylor

After six losing seasons as head football coach at Shiloh Christian Academy, Grant Taylor discovers that a group of fathers is working to have him fired. Although a loving husband and man of integrity, Grant battles with fear and failure as he searches for purpose and meaning in his life.

Brooke Taylor

Brooke Taylor is a source of strength for her football-coaching husband, Grant. While supporting him as he pursues success on the football field, Brooke struggles with the loss of her dream of having a child.

JT Hawkins

JT Hawkins Jr. is the special teams coach for the Shiloh Eagles. Though discouraged when a star player transfers to another school, this assistant coach's faith and sense of humor keep him going in what looks like another tough season.

Brady Owens

Assistant coach Brady Owens respects Coach Grant Taylor as a friend, but he must choose whether to stand with him or with a group of fathers who are secretly lobbying to make Brady the new head coach.

David Childers

David Childers would much rather play soccer than football, but Shiloh has no soccer program. Settling for second-string kicker for the football team, David's small frame and lack of football skills discourage him. Though supported by his father, David continues to battle with his insecurities.

Larry Childers After moving to town, Larry Childers enrolls son David into Shiloh Academy to help him become a strong man of faith. Though Multiple Sclerosis has bound Mr. Childers to a wheelchair, his integrity and strength will not allow him to give up the fight to help his son succeed.

Brock Kelley

Brock Kelley is the defensive captain for the Eagles and the most influential player on the team. However, his half-heartedness on the field and apathy in the classroom tend to permeate through the ranks of the team. If Coach Grant Taylor can somehow turn Brock around, Brock will have a new type of influence on his teammates.

Matt Prater

Matt Prater transferred to Shiloh after being kicked out of Westview High School. Though his father hopes that Matt will earn a football scholarship to college, Mr. Prater doesn't see Coach Taylor as being the one to make it happen.

Bobby Lee Duke

Bobby Lee Duke is the most intimidating football coach in Georgia. With three state championships under his belt, everyone expects his Richland Giants to win it all again this year. Coach Duke trains his players to win at all costs and is willing to run over anyone who tries to stand in his way.

"Facing the Giants" Enduring Questions:

1. Which character did you connect with best and why?
2. What are some examples of faith and trust in the movie?
3. How did prayer and personal relationships with God play into the movie?

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: Read Numbers 13-14 in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament for the next class.

