



# VERTICAL SPORTS

## 3D DEVOTIONAL

### Game 1 (12/3) - Praying to God Who Is In Control

**Sport:** Today is our first day of games and you might have some nerves going on, but some butterflies in your stomach, because this is the first game you have ever played in. Or this is your 50<sup>th</sup> game you've played, but you still have this feeling of anxiousness – you too parents, I've been a nervous wreck watching my kids play sometimes. But why do we feel this way? It's something new, we don't have complete control, how we see the game experience can determine the emotions that we feel.

But as we look at God's Word we can see that the game of basketball was made to glorify God and that God is the one who is in control.

**Truth:** 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

- King Jehoshaphat the 4<sup>th</sup> king of Judah was king and led the people of Judah to follow God (not very many kings of Israel or Judah followed God).
- During King Jehoshaphat's reign the Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites joined together to attack Judah.
- Jehoshaphat's Response to the coming armies - Verse 3-4: *3 Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting. 4 So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord's help.*
- God is the one who is in control and in times of worry or even unknown we can seek God to help us.
- As we get closer to Christmas, I am reminded of the most amazing help that God has given to us. *God so loved the world, that He sent His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him will not die, but have everlasting life.* God knows our need for a savior from our sin (disobedience toward God), and God made the way for us. Jesus was born and lived a perfect life, able to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin, so that we might be made right with God. If you would like to talk more about Jesus and what the Bible says. I would love to talk more about that today.

\*Pray