

# COACH

## LOVE MATCHES



### MATCH 1

#### LOVE -VS- SELFISHNESS

Jesus dies on the Cross  
(Mathew 27:27-56)

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:16 →

*"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."*



#### IN THE RING

Play a game that your friends suggest, play at the time they want (if you have permission) and play it for as long as they want. Do not mention to them what you desire to play. This time, your desires do not matter, because you are showing real LOVE with no thought for yourself.



### MATCH 2

#### LOVE -VS- JUDGMENTAL ATTITUDE

Speck of dust and plank  
(Matthew 7:1-5)


Memory Verse: Matthew 7:1-2 →

*"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*



#### IN THE RING

Tell someone "Good job" and compliment them for something good that you see. Bring a small pocket mirror around with you all day. When you are tempted to judge someone, take out the pocket mirror and look at yourself. Remind yourself that you do not need to help others fix their faults today.



**WELCOME** to "Champions by the fruit of the Spirit!" Your goal is to help your students become champions. To do this, they need to put the fruit of the spirit into action in their everyday lives.

Most Sunday school programs are at church, and do not require homework during the week. However, your students cannot "knockout" sin in their lives by learning about it. They must actually get "In the ring" and fight the actual sin that they face during the week. Honestly, without someone checking up on them, this will be almost impossible to do. Please do not "trust their word" and accept when students say they did an assignment. If you become lax about this program, you will be training your students to tell you lies.

However, just imagine with me that if you can actually coach your students, and track that they are doing the homework, you will see real change in their lives. In just 1 year, you can turn their lives around! Your students will not be memorizing the fruit of the Spirit, but will be actually learning to LIVE it!

Your responsibilities:

- Be a Coach for your group of children
- Meet with students for 5 minutes before and after class each week to discuss assignment and encourage them to become champions.
- Call/text students weekly to remind them of the assignment. (Suggested=Tuesday)
- Call/text students a second time weekly

to get report of assignment done.

(Suggested=Friday)

- Keep track of assignments done for children in small group and report to head coach weekly.

Rewards:

A very important part of being a coach is helping your students feel like winners. This means you need to define what behaviour you are looking for, and reward that behaviour.

Smaller weekly rewards:

- Hugs
- High-fives
- Stickers on their shirt
- Stamp on a hand
- Small candy

Larger rewards at end of month:

- Award ceremony with gold, silver and bronze medals given to the children. (Bronze for 3 weeks of assignments finished, silver for 4 weeks, and gold for 5 weeks. Alternatively, you could give bronze for 2 punches, silver for 3 punches and gold for 4 punches per week.)
- A party at your home
- Certificates
- Something given in large church in front of the adults
- Trophies

May our Lord God inspire you, as you take on this challenge of coaching your students in the fruit of the Spirit!



## MATCH 3

### LOVE -VS- HATRED

Judas betrays Jesus  
(Matthew 26:14-16)

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:20 →

*"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."*



### IN THE RING

Do something nice for someone you dislike. Hold your tongue when you see someone else cheating or about to mess up. Do not tell on them or get them in trouble.



## MATCH 4

### LOVE -VS- SELF-JUSTIFICATION

Parable of the Good Samaritan  
(Luke 10:25-37)

Memory Verse: Luke 10:27 →

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."*



### IN THE RING

Stop to help someone in need this week, ignoring all the excuses you may have for not doing it. Do something special for someone who is not in your level of society.



## MATCH 5

### LOVE -VS- SPIRITUAL VANITY

David chosen as king  
(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 →

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."*



### IN THE RING

Ask God if there is a spiritual practice you should stop, as you move your focus onto LOVE. Do more actions this week to show love: do not boast, do what is best for others and not yourself, and do not hold people accountable for the wrongs they do.



# STUDENTS



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Jab  
Cross  
Hook  
Uppercut

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MATCHES

1 2 3 4 5


Jab  
Cross  
Hook  
Uppercut

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MATCHES

1 2 3 4 5


Jab  
Cross  
Hook  
Uppercut

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MATCHES

1 2 3 4 5


Jab  
Cross  
Hook  
Uppercut

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MATCHES

1 2 3 4 5


Jab  
Cross  
Hook  
Uppercut

6

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MATCHES

1 2 3 4 5


Jab  
Cross  
Hook  
Uppercut

