



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 8: Returning!

Suggested Week of Use: April 24, 2022

Core Passage: 1 Thess. 5:1-11

News Story Summary

Jurickson Profar plays baseball for the San Diego Padres and has begun the season by hitting the first two home runs for the team this year. When asked about his preparation for the season, Profar noted that he spent the offseason in the Dominican Republic working in a facility run by Fernando Tatis Sr. and his brother, Wilton Veras. Profar grew up in Curacao where he would have been limited in his offseason training.

For more about this story, search “Profar training in Dominican 2022.”

Focus Attention

To supplement the Begin idea under Focus Attention, share the article about Jurickson Profar and him working on his baseball skills in the offseason. Ask the group to discuss who the “mouse” is in the article and who the “cat” is. Characterize this as an example of how a person can choose to do the right thing when the “cat” is away.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Challenge idea under Summarize and Challenge, prior to reviewing the bulleted points, call attention to the summary statement for the lesson at the beginning (God holds all people accountable for their actions). Lead the group to recall the article about Jurickson Profar. Emphasize how doing the right things while waiting for baseball to return helped Profar. Explain that God expects His people to represent Him well while waiting for the return of Jesus. Complete the step as written.