

Baseball Team Devotion-The Home Plate Umpire

Scripture Lesson: Joshua 24:14-15

The Home Plate Umpire makes decisions on every play in baseball. He is the one who determines if a pitch is a ball or strike, if there is a foul tip, and any play at the plate. He is in charge of the game, from having the lineups to keeping the game going. I love Home Plate Umpires who let you know with the call if the pitch is a ball or strike. Isn't it fun to hear a long and loud strike call? It isn't easy making all the calls and umpire makes in the game. It takes a lot of practice to be a good Home Plate Umpire who makes the right decisions. In a poll of MLB players, Jim Joyce was selected as the best umpire in baseball.

In our Scripture lesson today, Joshua is at the end of his life. He has called all the people of Israel together for his farewell address. Joshua challenges them to make a decision, on who they are going to follow, the Lord God or the gods of the peoples of the land. Joshua is very firm and makes the right decision when he states to them "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The people of Israel that day also committed to serve the Lord. The most important decision you can make each day is who are you going to serve? I hope we will all be like Joshua and serve God everyday with all of our heart, mind, and strength. Who are we going to serve today?

Object lesson: Get an umpires indicator and show how he keeps up with balls, strikes, and outs

