

A. SCRIPTURE TALK

“A friend loveth at all times.”

Proverbs 17:17

CASEY SCORES A GOAL

“Put me on! Put me on!” Casey urged the coach. It was 5–4 for the visiting team, and Casey was eager to play. He bounced up and down on the players bench, helpless to save the game from where he sat. “Pass the ball!” Casey yelled when he saw a teammate in the clear.

The clock ticked the seconds away as the soccer game neared the closing moments of the first half. The boys worked hard, but the other team proved stronger. The half ended at 5–4.

“Why didn’t you pass?” Casey glared at Peter, as the players filed off the playing field. “We should be winning,” he sulked, continuing to blame the other players for their poor shots and passes.

