

# TPE Kids page

## PIGSKINS AND PLAYBOOKS

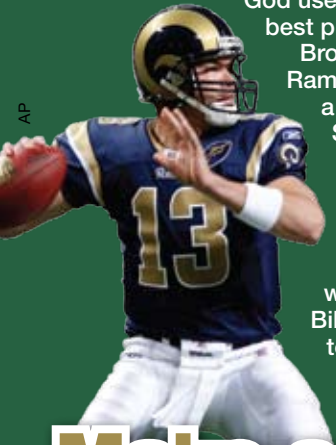
### Don't wait!

Maybe you have an idea of what you want to become when you grow up. A doctor? A pastor? Perhaps even a football player? But you don't have to wait until you are an adult to get ready to follow that dream.

God uses all kinds of experiences to get you ready for His best plan for you.

Brock Berlin is a quarterback for the St. Louis Rams. But he's been playing football since he was a kid. Back at Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport, La., Brock led his team to three state championships. He completed 964 passes for 13,902 yards and 145 touchdowns.

You can get ready today for the great things God will help you do years from now. Just like with football, the really great plays in life start with learning the basics of the game. Study your Bible, hang out with friends who will encourage you to stay close to God, and pray. You can't go wrong with that kind of daily exercise for your faith.



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### Did you know?

**Pigskin:** Footballs are made of cowhide, not pigskin. The name probably came from the inflated pig bladders used as soccer and rugby balls many years ago. Wilson has the only dedicated football assembly factory in the world in Ada, Ohio (pop. 5,400). Workers there craft more than 700,000 footballs a year, including the balls used in every Super Bowl. In fact, since 1941, every Hall of Famer has made his mark with a Wilson game ball.



**Playbook:** The book listing all the secret coded plays for a team is worth more than gold. If a player loses one, the fines range from \$100 a page to \$8,000.

### Make a paper football!

**STEP 1:** Fold a regular sheet of paper in half lengthwise twice so it is long and thin.

**STEP 2:** Bring the top corner over against the opposite side to form a little triangle.

**STEP 3:** Fold the triangle over and down again and again.

**STEP 4:** When you have one last square left at the bottom, fold it up into the flap on the fat triangle. It will tuck in better if you fold the last square's corner to make a point with the triangle's longest side.

**STEP 5:** For a lighter football, cut the sheet of paper in half lengthwise and fold it lengthwise just once.



### BY THE numbers

**3,000** — calories consumed by typical viewer during the Super Bowl

**50 million** — pounds of avocados consumed during last year's Super Bowl

**97.5 million** — viewers of Giants win over the Patriots in Super Bowl XLII

**248** — average poundage of an NFL player

### Enter to win!

(Recommended for ages 5 and up.) Play hard in all kinds of conditions with the Nerf Weather Blitz football. Enter online by February 4 at tpe.ag.org or mail an entry postmarked on or before that date to Football Giveaway, Today's Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802. Include a daytime phone number. You must have a parent's permission to enter.



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