Discussion Guide: *Moneyball*

*Moneyball* is the true story of Oakland Athletics General Manager Billy Beane, who goes against traditional baseball recruiting techniques to find the best players. Themes in this movie include respecting a team mentality and the importance of leadership to success.

Take advantage of the teachable moments presented in *Moneyball* by using these questions to help guide a discussion with your team or children.

1.) How do you define teamwork? After watching *Moneyball* do you find your definition similar to or different from Billy Beane’s?

2.) Why do you think Billy Beane goes against traditional and conventional norms in order to recruit the best players?

3.) There is a scene between Billy and his associate Peter Brand in which Peter is professing how great it is that the A’s have just won 20 games, to which Billy replies that none of that matters because what he’s more interested in is changing the game and wanting it to mean something. What do you think he means by having it "mean something?"

4.) How does Billy Beane handle selfish players that don’t respect the whole team? What message does his response to this type of behavior send to the rest of the team?

5.) Is Billy Beane a win-at-all-costs manager? Why or why not?

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