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Title: Huddle Up

Theme: The Christian needs a quiet time to rest and receive instructions from God.

Object: Football, x-o diagram of typical lineup, x-o diagram of a huddle.

Text: Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT) 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

The Sabbath is a very important time for everyone that is a Christian.

The Bible says that we should not miss out on meeting together.

So let’s make it a habit of being here every Sabbath, so that we can encourage one another to live for Jesus.

Has anyone noticed a change in the weather?

Did you know that today is the first day of a new season? What season starts today? (Fall)

Today, summer ends and fall begins, so you can expect the days to be cooler and shorter.

And you can expect something else when fall rolls around: football season [show football]

The game of football was invented way back in 1895, so it is now over 120 years old.

Football has become very popular around here.

Does anyone know the name of our New England football team? (New England Patriots.)

How many have ever seen the Patriots play football on TV?

Now football is a complicated game, so I’ll just give you an idea of what happens. [Show x-o diagram of players lined up and explain.]

The center hikes the ball between his legs to the quarterback.

The quarterback can either throw a pass to a receiver, give the ball to a running back, or run the ball himself.

The whole team tries to work together to move the ball down the field over the goal line.

The other team tries to stop them by tackling the person with the ball and throwing him to the ground.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Now there’s another formation that you often see on the field: it’s called a huddle [Show diagram.]

After every play, the team on offense forms a huddle.

They all stand in a close circle and the quarterback tells them what the next play is going to be.

They all catch their breath and rest for a few seconds so they will be able to do their job on the next play.

The huddle is very important. If you don’t get in the huddle, you won’t know what to do on the next play and you’ll probably mess it up.

The Sabbath gives us all a chance to get into a huddle and rest a little while from what we do on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We don’t have to go to school or go to work.

We have time to rest and listen to God’s plan for our lives.

God our Father in heaven is like our coach; Jesus is like our quarterback.

They want us to be on the winning team.

As we huddle together on the Sabbath, we can encourage one another to listen to our Coach and our Quarterback.

We want to do what Jesus would do and live like Jesus would live.

We want to let our lights shine in the world and be on the winning team.

Do you want to be in the huddle? Let’s huddle up and have a prayer!