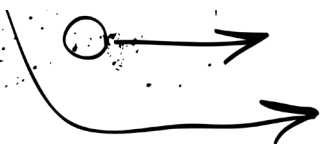


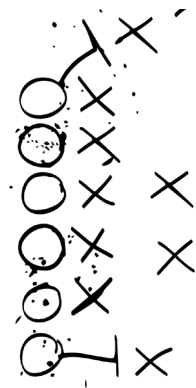
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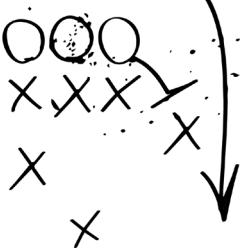


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GOD'S PLAN

A lot of what is in this playbook isn't going to make sense if you aren't yet a part of God's team. So whether you accepted Christ years ago, this summer at camp, or if you aren't there yet we want to make it clear what it means to follow Christ and how God planned that from the very beginning.

Beginning: When God created us His intention was that we would love Him and enjoy being in relationship with Him. (Genesis 1-2)

Sin: Pretty fast in the story of creation though, we decided we wanted God's stuff without God. We often make decisions to lie, to get our way, or to do what makes us happy even when it's wrong. That's sin, falling short of God's standard, rejecting God, and we all have done it. (Genesis 3 & Romans 3:23)

Great Rescue: No matter how hard we try we can't save ourselves, so God sent Jesus to the rescue. He lived a sinless life, died, and then rose to life three days later so that our relationship with God could be restored. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

The Response: We can be in a relationship with God on one condition, we have to believe in Jesus and His work on the cross. That's what it means to have faith. We pray telling God we are sorry for our sin, we believe that Jesus died for us and we choose to follow Him with our whole lives. (Romans 10:9-11)

If you have chosen to believe all this then welcome to the team! If you aren't there yet, we want you to work through this playbook too. Learn about Christ, and see just how beautiful He really is.

TEAM PHILOSOPHY

"Partnering with parents to prepare students and provide opportunities to change their worlds for Christ." This is the HDC Student Team Philosophy, whether it's summer camp, mission trips, or small groups our goal is to prepare you and provide you with opportunities to change your world for Christ, and we like to have fun doing it.

This year we want you to be intentional about growing in your relationship with Christ and this playbook is designed to help you do just that. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) The best way to know Jesus is to read your Bible.



THE ULTIMATE PLAYBOOK



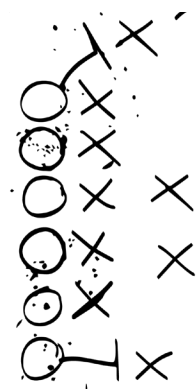
Of course, the Ultimate Playbook is the Bible. God has supernaturally and strategically put it together throughout history for the specific purpose of helping you know who He is. That's why the best way to learn about Him is to read it.

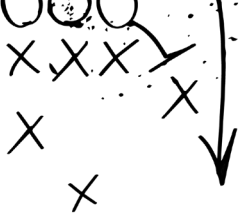
Now not everyone likes reading, which can make it difficult to learn about God. Whether you like reading or not studying the Bible is all about the attitude you bring to it. If you read your Bible with the goal of growing closer to God and learning about Him, He'll honor that. So we encourage you to come not just to check off a box, but to genuinely deepen your understanding of Jesus as your Savior and your place in His church.

YOUR PLACE ON THE TEAM

Every team member has a place, each player has an important part to play. The church is no different and your age doesn't change your importance. In Student Ministries, we believe that your part is vitally important in the health of the church and its growth.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12). Your age doesn't disqualify you or restrict you from your place on the team. In fact, you have the ability to be examples in your homes, schools, and teams.





HOW TO PLAY GOOD DEFENSE?

In football a good defense consists of the "Front 4," these are the strongest guys on your team, they protect the front line. As Christ-followers, a good defense is all about what we do to prepare, and to protect the front line of our life. The Front 4 that are key to strengthening our relationship with God are reading the Bible, praying, worshiping Him, and studying in a small group. The little things we do to stay connected and humble in our faith help fortify us for the things we face every day.

HOW TO PLAY GOOD OFFENSE?

The quarterback is the center of every offense in football. He has to read the field quickly, and the decisions he makes impact everyone and the entire game. A good offense is all about how we act and the choices we make every day in responding to those around us. Our actions, choices, and words are the things the people around us see and remember. We will either leave them wondering why we act differently than everyone else or wondering why Christ-followers look just like everyone else. And prayer isn't just defensive, it's offensive too. When we pray our heart changes, we grow closer to God the more we come to Him.

CHALLENGE

So here's the challenge. Go through God's Word intentionally this school year. Learn how to apply good defense and offense. If you have questions write them down, bring them to your small group leaders or your youth pastors. Engage with Scripture by sending verses to friends and working through each day together. This time next year you'll be surprised how much God has grown you.



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Defense:

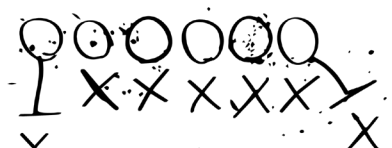
Read Matthew 1:1-25

What verse stuck out to you?

Offense:

How can you apply something from this chapter to your life today?

Prayer: Take some time to pray, if you like write it out here.



DAY 2



Defense:

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DAY 3

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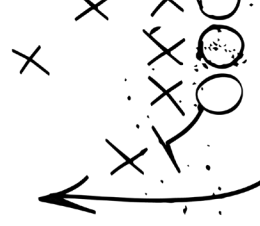
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DAY 4



Defense:

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DAY 5



Defense:

Read Matthew 5:1-26

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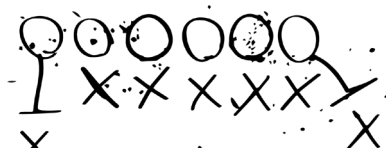
Read Matthew 5:27-48

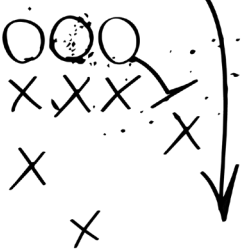
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DAY 8

Defense:

Read Matthew 7:1-29

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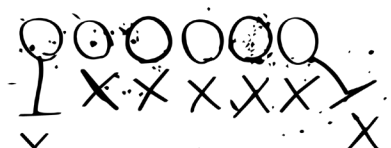
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DAY 10



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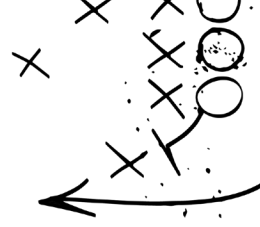
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DAY 13



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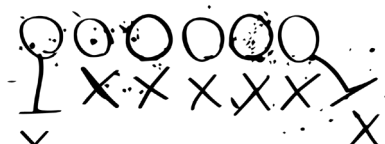
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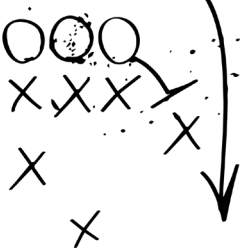
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DAY 16

Defense:

Read Matthew 13:24-58

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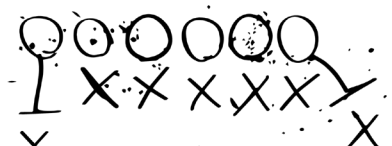
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DAY 18



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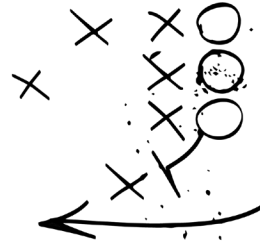
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DAY 21



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Read Matthew 18:1-35

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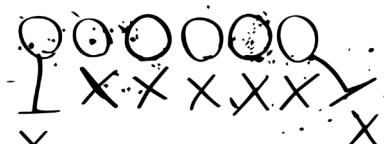
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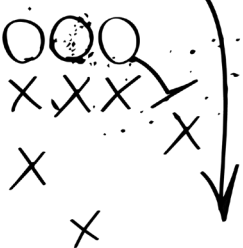
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DAY 24

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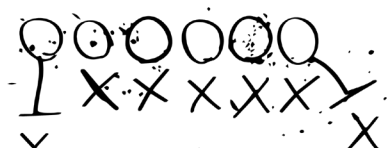
Read Matthew 21:28-46

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DAY 26



Defense:

Read Matthew 22:1-46

What verse stuck out to you?

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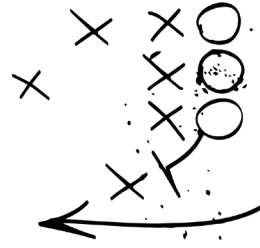
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DAY 28



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Prayer: Take some time to pray, if you like write it out here.

DAY 29



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Read Matthew 24:36-51

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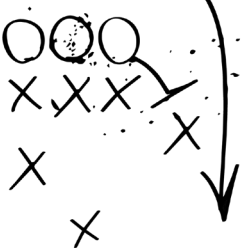
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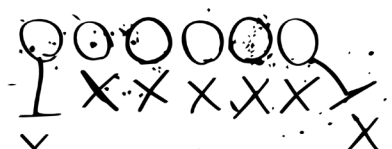
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DAY 34



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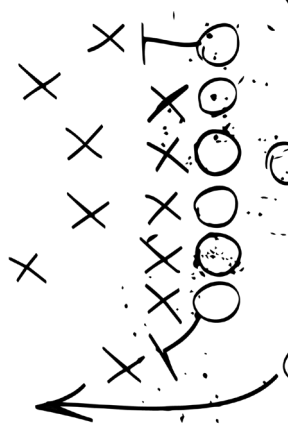
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RUN THE RACE

You just spent 34 days growing and learning about Jesus. You've applied verses to your life and grown in your relationship with Him through prayer. But we don't want you to stop here. Get a journal and keep going. Pick another book of the Bible, or start Mark the next Gospel after Matthew. Ask a friend to go through it with you, so you can motivate each other to keep going. Dig deeper, ask yourself as you read, "What is God saying here?" This journey never ends, so we encourage you to run the race, the finish line is a long way off, and this marathon takes daily devotion.







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