

Children's Sermon: February 6, 2011

**"How the Super Bowl started"**

Excited about the game today???

You know ---- it's all about LOVE ... RIGHT????

I'd like you to meet the mascot for today's super bowl ----- she's a lover, isn't she???

Anyway ----- the super bowl has very spiritual roots.

There used to be a land called the PACKERS. These folks got their name ... because they were always "packing things away." Do you know people like this?

For example. You know I have a t-shirt addiction. I love church t-shirts ... and I usually make too many. That's when the "packers" come in ... and put all my extra t-shirts away ... and they keep them for themselves.

They don't use them ... or share them ... they just like to "pack them" in buckets for themselves.

Now ... after all this ... well ----- enter the STEALERS.

They find the buckets where everything has been packed ... and they STEAL THE SHIRTS.

Can you believe it???

They take what isn't theirs ... and keep the stuff for themselves.

Now ... PAKCKERS AND STEALERS have something in common.

Know what it is???? ... think about it ...

*THEY ARE BOTH VERY – VERY SELFISH.*

*Packers pack things away for themselves.*

*Stealers steal things for themselves.*

Well ... our beautiful "it's all about love" mascot discovers what they are doing ... and she begins to give them a lesson about LIFE.

Hey, you packers and stealers ... this is not the way God wants us to live.

We don't pack things away ... just for the sake of keeping stuff for ourselves.

And we certainly don't steal from others ... when they have stuff we want.

LIFE IS ABOUT SHARING ... GIVING ... USING THINGS FOR GOOD PURPOSES.

Let's spend more time sharing our left-overs with people who need them.

Let's spend more time giving unto others ... never stealing from others.

Let's spend more time laughing and playing games.

So ... the packers and stealers ----- they are beginning to change the way they live their lives.

Every year ... they have a "big game" ... they bring their "left-overs" ... they bring gifts to share ...

and the winners????? ----- they get to "share love and stuff" with all who need it.

This, my friends, is how the SUPER BOWL began.

OH ... it's been a tough week. Went to the dollar store Saturday ... the shelves were so "empty." Couldn't understand "why" ... until the manager told me ----- Wednesday is delivery day ... and you know what

Wednesday was like. But ... I've been a bit of a "packer" lately ... lots of stuff "packed" in my closet.

How about one of Don's left-over t-shirts????? ----- oh, well: better luck next week!@!!