



# Huddle Talks



**CELEBRATE**  
1-3 minutes

- Birthdays/Anniversaries/Weddings
- Sharing of a team member going above and beyond



**COMMUNICATE**  
1-2 minutes

- What they need to know.
- Why they need to know it.
- What you want them to do.



**CONNECT**  
2-4 minutes

## Nintendo

Hey everyone. Let's huddle up for a minute. I'm so glad you're here.

I was a kid in the 80's, and I remember when I got my first Nintendo video game system. How many of you had a Nintendo? What about Super Nintendo? Any Mario Kart fans here?

I read a pretty interesting story about Nintendo this week and I thought about something.

Nintendo first made arcade games before they popularized the home console systems. And in the early 80's, they set out to create an arcade game that would rival their big competition...Pac-Man.

So their main designer, a guy by the name of Miyamoto, planned to create a game based on Popeye, where

“

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Popeye would rescue Olive Oyl from the villain Bluto.

But the Nintendo team was unable to get licensing rights to use Popeye characters, so they had to create an original storyline.

They came up with Donkey Kong, a King Kong-inspired ape who kidnaps a female character originally called "Lady."

The hero in a red hat and overalls was later called Mario.

If Nintendo had gotten the rights to Popeye, it might have not created the most successful video game character in history.

**It's a fun story about what might have been. Or what might not have been.**

It's not really an apples-to-apples comparison, but have you ever imagined your life without Jesus? Without our church? Without our community?

Can you imagine if nobody was here to teach our kids about Jesus? What if we couldn't gather to worship?

I think about these things sometimes, and it helps me remain grateful. Today, as we serve, let's be grateful for what God has done and remember that God doesn't owe us. His grace and his mercy are freely given. To you, to me, and to all the people that are about to walk through these doors this morning.

Let's pray, and then we'll head to our positions.

**1 minute of silence**



**PRAYER**