

Last Sunday's Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles was a game full of passing and receiving, giving and taking. In fact, the two teams set a new Super Bowl record for most combined total yards. But the receiver of the NFL's most prestigious award didn't play on either of the competing teams. The evening before the Super Bowl, J.J. Watt, defensive end for the Houston Texans, was presented the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award. This award is presented each year to honor a player who has excelled in volunteer and charity work, as well as being excellent on the field. After Hurricane Harvey, Watt wanted to help people who had lost everything—homes, jobs, family members. He started a campaign to raise \$200,000, and in 19 days he raised more than \$37 million! Watt got involved personally too. He helped to distribute supplies and encouraged many hurricane survivors. The owner of the Houston Texans said, "J.J. was our shining light."

## Think About It . . .

- Why is it important to both give and receive in a football game?
- Which is more important in showing love and helping others—giving or receiving?

# THE BEAT

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## Touchdowns that Really Count!

Draw a simple goal post on the board. Facing one side of the goal post, draw stick figures, one to represent each member of your class. Have the kids brainstorm ways they could work together as a team to show love by helping others. For each way kids name, draw a football on the other side of the goal post. Use a stopwatch and see how many footballs the kids can pile up in 2 minutes. **SAY: Let's dig into God's Word and discover what Jesus said about the importance of helping others.**

How will you show your faith through loving actions this week?