



WEEK TWO – NOVEMBER 2018 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *We Could Be Heroes • Exodus 17:8–13*

Bottom Line: *Work together to help someone succeed.*

Memory Verse: *“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.”*
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)

Life App: *Cooperation – Working together to do more than you do alone.*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Summary: Next, we look at Exodus 17:8–13, at a time where Joshua was leading the Israelites in a fierce battle against the Amalekites. When Moses held up his staff, the Israelites were able to win the battle. When Moses got tired, Aaron and Hur came to the rescue and helped hold up his arms. The Israelites win the battle because of how they all cooperated together.

8:50–9:00 | 10:20–10:30 | 11:50–12:00 – EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Paper/Pencils/Crayons

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids as they arrive and ask them about their week.
- Pass out the paper and pencils.
- Instruct the kids to use the pencils to draw a picture of someone helping someone else.
- Once the drawings are finished, they can color them with the crayons.
- Allow time for kids to share their drawings with the rest of the group.
- Questions to ask as they're drawing:
 - Can you think of a time this week when someone helped you?
 - Was there a time this week when you helped someone else? How?
 - Have you ever thought about helping but then didn't follow through? Why?

What You Say:

“In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about a lot of people who needed help, and that help came in a way you wouldn’t normally expect. Let’s head to Large Group to find out what happened.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10–9:45 | 10:40–11:15 | 12:10–12:45 – LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *Work together to help someone succeed.* Just like Hur and Aaron, it’s important for a child to realize that working together isn’t just about doing something for yourself. You can work with other people to help them win at life too.

9:45–10:05 | 11:15–11:35 | 12:45–1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Heavy Lifting

[Bible Story Review]

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: “Bible Story Script” Activity Page, scarves/bandanas

What You Do:

- Assign the following parts from the Bible story to different kids: a messenger, Joshua, Moses, Hur, Aaron, Israelite army, Amalekite army, Narrator (select a kid who’s comfortable reading aloud).
- Let the kids use the scarves/bandanas any way they choose in order to re-enact the story.
- They can use one color to designate the Israelite army and one to designate the Amalekite army.
- Encourage the kids to act out their parts as the Narrator reads the “Bible Story Script” Activity Page

What You Say:

“You are such great actors! Way to get into character. I’m not sure there is any better example of cooperation than this true account of that day when Joshua and the Israelites fought the Amalekites. Not only did the army of soldiers have to work together, but Aaron and Hur had to work together to help Moses too. They learned firsthand that you can [Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed. Cooperation isn’t just about you. It’s about what you can do with and FOR others! And sometimes your willingness to cooperate can lead to someone else’s success. How cool is that?”

[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about a time when you worked to helped someone else win. Maybe you raised money for a worthy cause or ran in a 5K to help a charitable organization or sorted food at a food bank. How did it feel to know that your hard work and willingness to cooperate ultimately helped someone else succeed?)

2. Handshake Verse

[Memory Verse Activity]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Bibles, paper, pencils, smart phone (optional)

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to pair up and review Ecclesiastes 4:9 in their Bibles.
- Challenge the pairs to create their own handshake/chant using the words of the verse.
- For some inspiration, you can show the kids this video on your smart phone:
<http://bit.ly/2uzdrND>
- Give kids a few minutes to create their handshake and then let each pair share their handshake with the group as you review the verse together.

What You Say:

“I LOVE your hand shakes! Each of them was so unique. You know what’s true about a handshake? It takes two people! Two are better than one for sure. I’m so glad God made us for relationships. So remember this week, when you’re at home or at school or playing in your neighborhood, look for opportunities to [Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed.”

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Index cards, pencils

What You Do:

- Pass out the index cards and ask the kids to write their names in the center on ONE side of the card.
- Collect and shuffle the index cards and instruct each kid to select one card (not their own!).
- Explain that one way we can help others succeed is by praying for them. The person listed on their card is the friend they will pray for this week.
- Quickly go around the circle and let each kid share one thing they need prayer for. (Encourage shorter and more personal prayer requests by asking kids to share something that needs prayer either for themselves or someone who lives in their home.)
- Encourage the kids to pay attention and write down the prayer request of the friend listed on their card.
- Let the kids to pray silently for a few moments.
- Close the group in prayer (see below).
- Instruct the kids to take these cards home and place them somewhere they’ll see them and be reminded to pray for their friend this week.

What You Say:

*“Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and for giving us good friends. Thank You for the friends listed on our cards. Help us to remember to pray for these friends this week. We want to **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed**. But we definitely need Your help with that. Thanks for always hearing us when we pray. We love you. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share their handshakes with their families while repeating this month’s memory verse.