



WEEK FOUR – NOVEMBER 2018 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *All Together Now • 1 Corinthians 12:12–27*

Bottom Line: *Work together to point others to Jesus.*

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: We wrap our study on cooperation with 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 in a letter that Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. The people who make up the Church are part of the Body of Christ. Paul talks about how God has given each of us a unique part to play as we share God’s love with others. When we cooperate, we can help others know more about Jesus.

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

1. It Takes Two

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

What You Need: Two Playground Balls

What You Do:

- Split your group into two teams
- Give each team a playground ball.
- Have the kids pair off within their teams and line up in those pairs.
- Make sure the teams are even and if not, assign one pair on the smaller team to go twice.
- Stand about ten feet from the two teams.
- Hand a ball to the first pair in each team.
- You will call out a body part, such as elbows.
- Each person in the pair must use one of their elbows to hold the ball and carry it down to you and back.
- If they drop the ball, they must start over holding the ball only with the body part you have named.
- Call out a new body part for each pair, such as: shoulders, backs, foreheads, insole of your foot, knees, cheeks, forearms, pointer fingers, palms, ears, hips, etc.
- The first team to finish wins!

What You Say:

*“That was super fun! Was it harder or easier to run this game with a partner? Sometimes it might seem like cooperation makes things harder. But the truth is, we can do way more when we work together than we could ever do alone. [Transition] **Let’s head to Large Group to find out about the mission God has given us that requires a LOT of cooperation.**”*

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 point others to Jesus.* Our kids can learn how to be the church even at a young age. Just think about the impact they could have on the world when they realize that how they work together could impact a person’s relationship with Jesus.

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

1. Guess The Part Game

[Bible Story Review]

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: “Guess the Part Cards” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Hand out a card to each kid and instruct kids to put the cards facedown on the floor in front of them.
- Make sure the kids do not look at their cards.
- Go around the circle and let each kid take a turn holding their card to their forehead.
- The rest of the kids can give clues to help the kid holding the card try to guess what body part is on his card.
- Kids giving clues may ONLY use their words—no pointing to that body part.
- Whenever kids guess their part correctly, challenge them to think of one way they could use that part to show or tell others about Jesus.

What You Say:

*“You gave some super imaginative answers! I’m so thankful that we have all these different parts working together to tell others about Jesus. The body God has given you is amazing! If you were just one big nose, ear, or elbow, you would only be able to do one thing! Just as God has designed all the parts of your body to work together to do amazing things, He’s designed each one of us as members of the church—the body of Christ—to tell others about Him too. When we cooperate and choose to work together, we have the opportunity to show SO many people just how much Jesus loves them. That’s why we must **[Bottom Line]** work together to point others to Jesus.”*

[Make It Personal] *(Talk about how as a volunteer, along with the other volunteers in children’s ministry, you help to tell kids about Jesus. Talk about how your part as a Small Group Leader and the Worship Leader’s part and the Storyteller’s part and the Tech Team’s part all **[Bottom Line]** work together to point others to Jesus.)*

2. One Part 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: “Guess the Part Cards” and “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Pages, Bibles

What You Do:

- Select a volunteer to look up and read Ecclesiastes 4:9.
- Shuffle the “Guess the Part Cards” (remove the “mouth” card!) and put them facedown in separate stacks in the center of the group.
- Shuffle the “Memory Verse Cards” and lay them out face up in the middle of the group.
- Let kids take turns drawing one body part card and then attempting to put the “Memory Verse Cards” in order using ONLY that body part.
- Let each kid have a turn trying, although with some body parts it will be impossible.
- If time allows after everyone has had a turn, let the kids work together to put the verse in order.

What You Say:

*“What was faster: using one body part to put the verse in order or all of your body parts? Just like you needed all your body parts to complete this task, God needs each one of us working together to help others learn about Jesus. He knows that two are better than one. That’s why he’s given us each other. But it’s up to us to cooperate and **[Bottom Line] work together to point others to Jesus.**”*

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:

- Give each kid a pencil and index card.
- Encourage them to write down the name of a friend or family member who doesn’t know Jesus (first names only).
- Collect all the cards, shuffle them and then pass them out again, making sure kids do not receive the card they had before.

What You Say:

*“One way we can **[Bottom Line] work together to point others to Jesus** is by praying for them. I want to challenge you to take these cards home and pray for the person on your card by name. I know you may not know this person, but God does! Let’s pray together for them right now.*

“Heavenly Father, thank You for creating each of the people on these cards. We know that you LOVE them and that you want each one to know about Your Son, Jesus, and what He did on the cross for them. Help us to work together to show others Your love this week so that we can point others to Jesus. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

