



WEEK ONE - NOVEMBER 2018

Bible Story: *Come Together • Exodus 19; 25*

Bottom Line: *God wants us to do work together.*

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 can trust God no matter what.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: We kick off the month looking at how God’s people cooperated to build the tabernacle. We read throughout Exodus 28, 31, 35, and 39 how God chose people to work together because of how He gifted them. They combined their skills to create a beautiful place to worship God.

Sometimes we think it’d be better if we didn’t have to rely on anyone else to get a job done, but this isn’t how God created us. God created us for community, to work together, and do more than we can do on our own. We hope that kids see the value in cooperation because cooperation starts with God.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child’s name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Greet kids as they arrive
- Read the list below and ask the kids to fill in the blank with an item

that goes with the other item

- Answers have been provided. However, kids may come up with other options that work, too
- If time allows, let the kids name some pairs on their own
- Pairs
 - Peanut Butter and Jelly
 - Cheese and Crackers
 - Me and You
 - Salt and Pepper
 - Up and Down
 - Bacon and Eggs
 - Hammer and Nails
 - Back and Forth
 - Hide and Seek
 - Shoes and Socks
 - Macaroni and Cheese

Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few) ***Worship SONGS***

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Catch the Ball

[Application Activity]

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Ball

What You Do:

- Guide the kids to circle up, and explain that you're going to play "Pass the Ball."
- For the first round:
 - They must pass the ball ACROSS the circle to one another until everyone has touched the ball.
 - No passing to the person sitting on either side of them.
 - They may not pass to someone who has already had the ball.
 - They cannot talk to each other.
 - Explain that you will time them to see how fast they can complete the task.
 - The last person to catch the ball must hold it up over his or her head to signify the end of the round.
- For round two, they are allowed to talk and to strategize to see if there is a quicker way to pass the ball to each person.
- Resume play once they're ready and time them again.
- After comparing the times below, let them strategize again to come up with an even faster way to pass the ball.

- You can remove the “staying in a circle” parameter but keep the “everyone must catch the ball in each round” rule.
 - Some options: everyone says the name of the person they’re throwing to first; kids stand in a line and pass the ball down the row; kids stand in two lines facing each other and pass the ball back and forth.

What You Say:

*“You did a GREAT job at coming up with different strategies for passing the ball. Which round was the hardest? (Pause for responses.) Yes, the first round! It’s hard to cooperate when you can’t talk to each other or communicate. **[Bottom Line] God wants us to work together.** And this isn’t just true for games like this. It’s true anytime any kind of cooperation is involved! It requires give and take, and sometimes there’s even a little debate about the best way to do something. Remember, the goal is to work together. Way to go, friends.”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Ball

What You Do:

- Tell the kids to circle up.
- Pass the ball to the person on your left and say the following prayer: “God, please help [child’s name] to cooperate with others this week.”
- Encourage the kids to pass the ball around the circle and pray the same one sentence prayer for the friend on their left. They may also add their own prayers as well.
- If they don’t want to pray out loud, just encourage them to pray silently and pass the ball along.
- Close out the time with your own prayer that kids would choose to cooperate and work together this week.

What You Say:

[Bottom Line] “God wants us to work together, but He also knows that sometimes this isn’t easy. I’m so glad that God hears us when we pray and that He is willing to help us when we need it. Thanks for praying for each other today. I hope you have a GREAT week working together!”