



WEEK
FOUR
MARCH 2022

LARGE GROUP
PRETEEN

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

One

Early Church Works Together /
Believers Share Their Lives Together
Acts 2:42-47

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How do you cooperate every day?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make a habit of working together.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Two people are better than one.
They can help each other in
everything they do.
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Cooperation—Working together
to do more than you can do alone

HOST SUPPLIES

- Large Beachball (36"-48" Beachball)

STORY SUPPLIES

- Communicator
- Bible

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction
Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- HAPPY MARCH
- Preteen Camp - 4th and 5th graders - June 24-26
- Jr High Camp - 6th graders - June 27-July 1
 - Sign up SOON... you'll get a flier when you leave today
- PRETEEN GUYS Hang - Game Truck Day
 - Guys ONLY
 - INVITE FRIENDS
 - Sunday April 10th, 12-2p
 - Bring \$5 for playing games and pizza
 - Bring extra for Snack Shack if you want

MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

Week 1 - This Is Living & Way Maker
Week 2 - Real Love & There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
Week 3 - The Best Is Yet To Come & Graves Into Gardens
Week 4 - **Might Get Loud & Who You Say I Am**

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BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO: Might Get Loud

AUDIO: Who You Say I Am

Host enters . . .

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening (Sonic the Hedgehog 2), a viral video on YouTube, holiday (Bavarian Crepes Day, National Chip & Dip Day, National Puppy Day, National Cheesesteak Day, International Waffle Day, National Spinach Day, Wear A Hat Day, Palm Sunday, Doctor's Day, Take a Walk in the Park Day, Manatee Appreciation Day), etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, hey! Welcome everybody to [Name of Environment]! As I drove here today, I had a mini jam session with the radio cranked. It was somewhere between the bridge and the chorus of my favorite song I was reminded of an incredibly important component to any budding musician! Does anybody want to guess what I remembered? (Allow response)"



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TIMING! In music, timing is everything. All it takes is a rogue drum beat or a missed cue to completely ruin any rockin' ditty! So, I thought to myself, "SELF! Perfect timing takes PRACTICE!"

"It is with great pride I am introducing a new training activity designed to help any greenhorn artist or novice soloist master the art of TIMING! All it requires is a good beat and this giant beachball!"

"Is there anybody out there who wants to improve their TIMING in a game I like to call PERFECT TIMING? (Allow response) Awesome! Every single

person in this room will play this game. Before I explain the rules, I need everyone to gather with your small groups and your small group leader."

Host allows kids to circle up in their small groups. Host directs groups to space out around the outer edge of the room. Groups should be on all sides of the environment.

HOST: "The game is simple. When the music is being played, your group will hit the giant beachball to the next group. The ball should travel from group to group in a massive circle. In this game, timing is everything! When the music stops, the group in possession of the giant beach ball will be eliminated! If the ball is in the air or on the ground, the group closest to the ball will be eliminated! The last group standing wins! Does anybody have any questions? (Allow response) Great! Let's play PERFECT TIMING!"

SLIDE: "PERFECT TIMING"

AUDIO: UPBEAT GAME MUSIC

Host facilitates game. Each time a group is eliminated, Host adjusts the circle by making it smaller. Then, host asks eliminated group to step out of the circle and sit down. Host makes the judgement call on which group was closest when the music stops. Kids should stay clumped together with their small group throughout the game. The final small group is crowned the winner.

HOST: "Wow! Wow! Wow! Some of your small groups have the absolute worst timing I've seen! However, there is one group who far exceeded my low expectations and is the new PERFECT TIMING CHAMPIONS of this room! Let's give a well-timed round of applause for our winners! (Allow response)"



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COMMUNICATOR SCRIPT (STORY)

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: “Thanks so much for joining us today in [Name of Environment]. Today, I want us to have a quick conversation about music! Does anybody like music out there? *(Allow response)* Of course you do! Everyone loves a good jam or pop. I would love to have each of you take a moment to share with your small groups the name of your favorite song. Let’s do that now!”

Communicator directs kids to circle up with their small groups. After a moment, communicator allows several kids to share their favorite song.

COMMUNICATOR: “You all have great taste in music. Sometimes I take music for granted. Upon hearing a song, I hear a polished composition of excellence but fail to think about the various artists needed to make the complete sound. A drummer plays the drums. Someone is strumming the electric guitar. Another is slapping the bass guitar. The keys on the piano are played by a person! A vocalist does all the singing. Everyone has a part to play with every jam session! When you think of music this way, it makes you really appreciate each song.”

“For example, this month we’ve been singing a brand-new song “Love Like You.” It’s got it all—a good beat, killer vocals, and the instrumentals are on point. I want us to take a moment to listen to a portion of this song. As the music is played, I want you to listen carefully to all the different components that make this song so good. Ready? Let’s give it a listen.”

AUDIO: “LOVE LIKE YOU” / TRACK 9 FROM MAKE A MOVE

Communicator allows the music to build. If time permits, play the first minute of the song.

COMMUNICATOR: Great song, right? What I love most about this song are all the different artists working together to create this sound. As you listened, what instruments could you hear, and how many vocalists could you pick out?

Communicator calls on students to respond. Answers will vary, and communicator affirms all realistic responses.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: “Great discussion! Some of you heard drums, synthesizers, keyboards, and more. Many of you with a keen ear noted more than one vocalist. I’m reminded that there are so many parts when making a song great like this. It’s true for an orchestra, a jazz band, a school choir, mariachi band, and worship songs! Without the stringed instruments, the orchestra wouldn’t be the same. If the trumpet never showed up to the jazz band, people would notice. Each instrument or vocalist are important and must work together to make beautiful music. When a component is removed, the song is no longer the same.

“Life is a lot like a jam session. When everyone works together, life can be so much better. However, we all have a role to play. If you have no role in a band, you are simply a fan. But someone who contributes is part of the team.



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“When you think of life and all the ways we can work together to help others, what role do you play? Are you someone who is quick to welcome the new kid into your friend group? Are you the one who is quick to defend others who are being bullied? Are you the first one to share? Or are you a bystander who never really helps? How can you find out the part you play?”

“Today, I want us to explore a story that took place long ago when the very first church was really young. It was a group of people from different places with different gifts playing different parts! It’s a story I’m really excited to share today!”

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: “Many of you will remember Jesus had a number of men, called disciples, who followed him. They traveled with Jesus from town to town and worked hard to learn from him. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus gave this group a mission. He gave them the responsibility of sharing the message of God’s incredible love and how they can have a relationship with God through his Son, Jesus. This message was to be shared to the ends of the earth!”

“This is a huge job, but Jesus promised God would send these men help. He told his friends to wait in Jerusalem for God to send his Holy Spirit. And sure enough, as they were gathered together in Jerusalem, God sent his Spirit as tongues of flame. The Holy Spirit gave the believers the ability to communicate in different languages to crowds gathered in the city for the feast of Pentecost. In one day, three thousand people came to know Jesus after Peter’s powerful teaching!”

“We call this group of followers the Church! For many of us, we think of a building when we talk about church. However, the Church is much bigger than a place we gather together on Sundays. The Church includes all people who have a relationship and follow Jesus! And it didn’t take long for the Church to grow in number!”

“In the book of Acts, Luke wrote about how the believers in this newly formed church functioned and grew. Luke recorded, *(Open Bible and read Acts 2:42-43) The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together. Everyone was amazed at what God was doing. They were amazed when the apostles performed many wonders and signs.*

Imagine the scene. Many people were new Christians and were hungry to learn more about Jesus. The men who knew and learned from Jesus taught about God and shared the message of Jesus! At the same time, the Holy Spirit continued to work and show his power through the apostles as they performed miraculous signs.”

“Luke continued to describe the scene when he said, *(Open Bible and read Acts 2:44-47) “All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. They sold property and other things they owned. They gave to anyone who needed something. Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. They ate meals together in their homes. Their hearts were glad and sincere. They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.”* Did you notice the pattern? In everything they did, the early believers worked together! Some had property to sell while others sold small valuables. With their resources combined, they met the needs of people around them. With the gift of teaching, some taught God’s Word in the temple courtyards while they gathered together. Some welcomed gatherings in their homes! Some provided homemade meals so there was good food to eat when they gathered together. Each had different gifts to share with others.”



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“Together, the early Church, embodied Jesus’ command when he said to love one another, just as I have loved you! Their love included people within the Church and those who knew nothing about Jesus! They discovered that when they told each other the hard things and prayed about it together... they could find joy, even when things didn’t go their way.”

“And no matter what happened, the believers praised God together. It didn’t take long for people to notice. Unlike the rest of the world, the early Church valued all people! The love the believers had for each other, and outsiders too was contagious. As a result, God added more and more believers each day.”

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: “This is a remarkable story. Churches teaching about Jesus did not exist. This was the very beginning of people coming together to learn about Jesus and live out their faith! But the early followers of Jesus, worked together and ate together and prayed together and learned together and shared together so that others could know Jesus!”

“It worked like a band. Those who could play the drums—they played the drums!”

“Only it wasn’t drums they played. Rather, some prepared and gave food away. Those who could slap the bass—they slapped the bass!”

“Only it wasn’t the bass they played. Rather, some opened their homes for the believers to meet together. If someone could play the keys, they played the keys!”

“But they didn’t really play a piano or keyboard. But some did use their gift of teaching to share Jesus’ story! When all of their gifts and talents came together—they really made some noise!”

“God worked through the cooperation of these early believers to grow his church! No doubt they had days that were difficult and hard. Many did not approve of this Christian movement. But the believers seemed to understand the importance of what’s written in Ecclesiastes when it says, *(Open Bible and read Ecclesiastes 4:9) “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.”*”

“It is true that we can accomplish lots of incredible feats alone. However, we can accomplish so much more when we work together! How awesome would it be if we worked together like the early church? Each of you could play a role in helping others know Jesus and meeting the needs of others. A rock band requires all kinds of talented people to create a jam. Likewise, all of you bring a different talent and voice to the collective group. Together we can see the needs of others and work to help out.”

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “Working together may not always come easy. Sometimes hard things take practice but working together is always worth it. As we wrap up, I want to challenge you to keep your eyes open for ways we can help others! If you don’t see any needs around you, ask God to help show you the needs of others! When we see needs, that’s when we should do something about it! Consider this question before we head to our small groups:”

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION



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COMMUNICATOR: "How do you cooperate every day?" Before we head out, let's pray and ask for help working together for His glory!"

Communicator leads group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS STUDENTS EXIT.

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