



WEEK
ONE
MARCH 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few minutes to pray for your time together with your group today. Ask God to give you the words to say and the questions to ask that will help your kids fully realize that they can accomplish so much more when they choose to work with others as a team.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Come Together

Building the Tabernacle
Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11;
35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43
(Exodus 19, 25)

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you seen people work together?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God wants us to work together.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**Two people are better than one.
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Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

BASIC TRUTH

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JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, paper, pencils, mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Hand out the paper and pencils.
- Give kids 30-60 seconds to make a list of things that are in pairs.
- When time is up, ask them how many examples they listed.
- Tell kids to pair up, and give each pair a new sheet of paper.
- Give them the same amount of time to come up with a joint list of things that are in pairs. (They can draw from their memory of the list they just made, but they can't just simply copy it.)
- When time is up, ask them how many pairs of things they listed individually and jointly.
 - Which list had more examples?
- Let kids share a few of the pairs they came up with.





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25 MINUTES

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an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, markers, mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into teams of three or four kids.
- Give each kid within each team a different color marker.
- Teams will be drawing a picture.
- Quietly tell one kid from each group what the team will be drawing; however, they kid can't share the information with the rest of their group.
- When you say "GO," the first kid from each team starts drawing and when you say, "PASS" (about every 5-10 seconds depending on how difficult the object is to draw), they stop drawing and pass the paper to a teammate who continues the picture.
- Teammates cannot talk to each other.
- Continue until everyone on the team has added something to the drawing.
- Gather teams together and share the pictures.
- Allow teammates who didn't have the inside information to guess what they were supposed to be drawing.
- Repeat the activity by telling one kid on each team a different image to draw but allow teams to discuss what they are going to draw (without explicitly stating what the item is) before you say "GO."
- Explain that this time, teams can encourage and talk to each other as they draw.
- Below are suggestions of images for the teams to draw.
- Examples for images to draw:
 - a marching band
 - a guitar
 - a church
 - a city skyline
 - a monkey in a tree
 - a rainbow over a park (If you choose to use this image, consider saving it for when the teams can talk so they can cooperate to use the different colored markers to create the picture.)
- Gather the teams together and discuss their artwork. Consider asking:
 - What made it easier to work together to draw the picture?
 - When have you seen people work together? (If needed, prompt with places: When have you seen people work together at school? At home? In church?)
 - When have you had to work with other people? Did it go smoothly/well?

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MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Why is cooperation important?
- How do you know God values cooperation? *(This is an opportunity to talk about how God includes us in the plan. God could have created a tabernacle without the Israelites and yet they were involved in working on it.)*
- What can get in the way of people working together well? Share a time when you had a hard time working with others. Why was it hard?

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: *(Optional)* kazoos from the Verses to
Take with You Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.

- Lead kids in prayer.
- *(Optional)* Allow kids to sing their prayer responses using the kazoos they made in the Verses to Take with You Activity.
- A sample prayer is below:
 - God, You are . . . *(allow kids to fill in the blank with a truth they know about God)*
 - Thank You for creating us in Your image and for giving each of us ways we can work with others. Thank You for creating me to be good at . . . *(allow kids to fill in the blank with a skill or talent they have)*
 - This week show us ways we can use our talents to help each other in everything we do.
 - And all God's people said . . . *(allow kids to close by saying Amen together)*

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