



WEEK
TWO
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, pray that you would be able to help your kids understand how they can work together with others to help the whole group succeed. Ask God to give you insight into how you can help them see the value in helping whether they get recognition or not.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

All For You

Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites
Exodus 17:8-13

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Give the group a category or a word.
- Challenge the group to work together to come up with as many songs as they can that meet the criteria you set. For example:
 - Songs mentioning any type of animal
 - Songs with the word "love" in it
 - Songs about food
 - Songs mentioning any type of water

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who do you work well with?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Work together to help someone succeed.

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

BASIC TRUTH

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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:

- What does it look like to succeed?

- **[Make it Personal] (Share about a time when you worked with a team to help someone else succeed.)**
- When has someone helped you succeed or when have you helped someone else succeed?
- What is the benefit of working together to help someone else succeed?
- What could be the disadvantage of working together to help someone succeed?
- Why would you want to help someone succeed if you aren't going to get credit for your efforts?

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MADE TO MOVE

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



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY] **WHAT YOU NEED:** Cups, prepared "Verse Sticks," bandanas, Bibles, pencils or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair kids up and instruct the pairs to line up at one end of your small group space.
- Tell pairs to pick one kid to be blindfolded.
- Give them a bandana and ask them to work together to securely cover the eyes of the blindfolded teammate.
- After blindfolds are secure, place the three cups of "Verse Sticks" around your space.
- Tell kids to direct their blindfolded teammates to the cups and to select a verse stick.
- To direct their teammate, kids can only say, "You are getting HOT (close) or COLD (farther away)" depending on where their teammate is.
- After the blindfolded kid gets a verse stick, their partner directs them back to the starting point.
- After every pair has a verse stick, allow kids to switch roles and play again.
- Be sure to move the cups for the second round after everyone has been blindfolded.
- After everyone has a stick, gather the group together and pass out Bibles.
- Let kids look up the verse reference on their sticks and to write a short summary of what the verse says about cooperation on the back of the stick.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Guide kids read their verse aloud to the group and to share with each other what the verse says about cooperation.
- Verse references are:
 - Matthew 7:12
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9
 - Colossians 3:23a
- Ask: As we look at these verses, what is important to remember when we work together? (This question provides an opportunity to talk about the motivation of why we do what we do. When we cooperate, we are doing it because God created us to work together and to show others who God is by doing so.)



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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: "Verse Sticks" from the Verses to Take with You Activity, pencils or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind kids that prayer is powerful, and we can help each other succeed by praying for each other.
- Pair kids up.
- Tell each kid to write their partner's name on their stick from the "Verses to Take with You" Activity.
- Encourage kids to share one prayer request with their partner.
- Challenge kids to pray for their partner each day this week.
- Close in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are powerful! We know when we lift each other up to You in prayer, You hear us. God, just like Aaron and Hur helped Moses and the Israelites succeed, help us to see opportunities where we can work together to help someone else succeed. Amen!"

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