



WEEK
THREE
MARCH 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Uninflated balloons, mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct kids to form a circle and hold hands.
- Blow up a balloon.
- Toss the balloon up in the air, into the center of the circle.
- Challenge the group to work together to see how long they can keep the balloon in the air and inside the circle.
- They can use any part of their body, but they can't let go of each other's hands.
- Start the timer and say "Go."
- Increase the challenge by adding additional balloons.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Do Something

Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk / Four Friends
Luke 5:17-26

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who do you know who needs help?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What are we talking about this month? (*cooperation*) The key to cooperation is working together, and you did a great job working together to keep the balloon up in the air. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear a story of how friends worked together to get someone up in the air.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Work together to help someone in need.

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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25 MINUTES

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 it important to work together to help someone

in need?

- How does working together help others know Jesus?
- It is easy to miss opportunities to work together to help someone in need. What can help us recognize when someone needs help?
- Sometimes we see someone in need but we don't know what our part is to help them.
 - For example:
 - Your friend needs help with their soccer game but you don't play soccer. What can you do to work with others to help your friend?
 - Or your class is putting on a talent show to raise money to help a family in your neighborhood, but you don't like to perform in front of people. What can you do to work with others on the talent show?

(Help kids understand that there are many parts to play when people work together to help someone. Just like in our story today, people had all kinds of ways they helped the man walk—someone showed hospitality and opened their house to Jesus, the friends carried the man to Jesus, Jesus healed the man.)

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an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Tennis balls or ping pong balls, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Challenge kids to see how many tennis balls (or ping pong balls) they can hold at once, without using their pockets or clothing to hold the balls.
- As kids work on this, keep track (generally) of how many balls each kid can hold at once.
- Prompt kids to talk about what is particularly challenging about this experiment. What would help them increase the number of balls they can hold?
- Pair kids up.
- Challenge them to see how many balls one kid can hold if they work together.
- Discuss the results. Can one kid hold more if they work together? Is it easier to do with someone's help?
- Hand out the Bibles and prompt kids to look up this month's memory verse, Ecclesiastes 4:9.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Our verse is from Ecclesiastes. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (Old) So we know it's toward the front or middle of the Bible. Instruct kids to start flipping from the front of their Bibles, toward the middle. (Or let them use the Table of Contents to find Ecclesiastes.) When they find Ecclesiastes, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 4. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to find verse 9 in chapter 4.

- Ask: Can anyone recite the memory verse from memory? As kid volunteers recite the verse, encourage kids to following along in the Bible.
- Revisit the examples kids gave in the Take a Snapshot activity to the question, "Who do you know who needs help?"
- Encourage kids to think of ways they could work together to help the people. If necessary, you could also provide one of the following scenarios to discuss:
 - There is a lot of trash around your school. What needs to be done and how could people work together to help?
 - The goalie on your soccer team is struggling during the soccer game and your team is losing. How could the team work together to help them?
 - Your friend is having a rough time at home. How can you work together to help them?



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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: "Prayer Cards" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle and give each kid a "Prayer Card."
- Point out that each card describes people who are in need.
- Pray as a group, using the cards as a guide.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are always there when we need You, and Your Word shows us how important it is to work together to help others. The man in our story today had great friends! His friends supported him and worked together to bring him to Jesus for healing. There are so many people who need help. Please show us how we can work together to help . . . (*encourage kids to take turns slowly reading their "Prayer Card"*). God, we also ask for your guidance to show us how to work with others to help the people in our lives who are struggling . . . (*encourage kids to silently pray for specific people they may know who need help*). God, thank You for seeing what we need and for sending Jesus to make a way to be with You now and forever! Amen."

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