



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
MARCH 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO CONNECT

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



### OPENING ACTIVITY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hula hoops

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Place two hula hoops on the ground.
- Label one hoop as "Good Habits" and one as the "Not So Good Habits."
- Read from the list of habits below and tell kids to stand inside the hoop they think best describes the habit.
- If more than one kid selects the same hoop, they need to work together to get everyone inside the hoop.
- After a few rounds, allow kids to come up with examples of habits.
- List of Habits:
  - Brush your teeth every day
  - Pray before going to bed
  - Make your bed daily
  - Leave your backpack on the floor after school
  - Humming all the time
  - Talking with your mouth full of food
  - Taking a shower
  - Cracking your knuckles

### 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

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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### MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

### BASIC TRUTH

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"We all have habits, right? Things we do and we don't even have to think about. Some habits are good, and some are not so good. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear about a habit that is definitely good.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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25 MINUTES

**MADE TO PLAY**

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, pencils, mobile device or timer

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Divide kids into teams of two or three.
- Give teams paper and pencils.
- Play a game similar to Scattergories.
  - Ask teams to make a list of ways we work together.
  - Encourage kids to think about what the group talked about in previous weeks this month.
  - Remind them to include examples of ways we work together to help someone succeed or to help someone in need.
  - Explain the point system. Teams earn the following points:
    - Each example (one point)
    - Each original example (i.e., no other team came up with the same example) (two points)
  - Give teams a time limit to come up with examples.
  - When time is up, discuss the examples and award points.
  - The team with the most points wins.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- Why is it important for us, as Jesus followers, to show cooperation and work together?
- What can be the result when we work well together?
- What can be the result when we don't work well together?
- Since cooperation isn't normally thought of as a daily "habit," how do we form a habit of working with others?

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Note cards, markers, a box of objects

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Place several objects in the center of the circle.
- Encourage kids to give examples how each of the objects might help us remember stuff.
  - Objects could include: a calendar, pencil and paper, an alarm clock, a phone, a rubber band or string, a Bible, etc.
- Say: Working together was important for the early church, and it is important for us today. What steps can we take to remind us to look for opportunities to work together every day?
- Give kids a note card.
- Tell kids to write a prayer asking for God’s help to remind them to look for opportunities every day to work together. Be sure to write a prayer, too.
- Allow kids to share their prayers.
- Encourage kids to use their note cards as a reminder to develop the habit of asking for God’s help every day to see ways they can show cooperation.
- Say: Where can you put your note card where you will see it every day as a reminder? By your bed or maybe by your toothbrush? Taped the wall by your light switch? Share with the group where you will keep your note card.
- Close by asking for any volunteers to read their prayers out loud.

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