

Cooperation

WORKING TOGETHER

to do more than you can do alone



READ EXODUS 17:12

DAY 1

Grab two large books (like a Bible or dictionary) and put one in each hand. Ask an adult to time you to see how long you can hold up the books on your own. Write down the time. Now find two friends to stand on either side and help you just like Aaron and Hur did. Don't forget to time yourself. Compare the two times. How much longer could you stay in that position?

In our Bible story this week, what happened when Moses' arms got tired? They began to lose the battle. Aaron and Hur noticed what was happening and they helped Moses by cooperating with one another. Aaron and Hur chose to work together to help Moses succeed.

You'll probably never have to stand on a mountain and help someone hold up his hands. But you could help a friend clean up a neighbor's yard or you could help your Mom with the laundry. Or you and a classmate could stay in during recess to help organize the books in your classroom. Look for ways to help this week.

THANK God for the people who help you everyday.

READ PROVERBS 27:17

DAY 2

Have you ever drawn or colored something with markers? Have you ever had the marker rub off on your hand when you were coloring? Sometimes it's easier to end up with more marker on you than on the page!

That's sorta what this verse is all about. The way we treat others and cooperate will influence our friends. We have the potential to help someone else be successful when we choose to love and care and serve others. And as we do, hopefully the people around will be loving and caring and willing to serve as well.

Write this verse on an index card with marker. Color over the entire card with crayon. Now choose a friend to rub the crayon off with a penny to reveal the verse underneath. Talk about what this verse means together.

ASK God to help you cooperate and impact the people around you.





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READ ECCLESIASTES 4:12

DAY 3

What's stronger, one piece of string or two? What's more powerful, two pieces of string or three? When it comes to cooperation, two is always better than one and three is always better than two!

Think about a bully. Usually bullies pick on kids who are alone because they make easier targets. Can you think of some kids in your school that get picked on? Are those kids typically by themselves? You could do something about that. You could be the one to make friends with those kids. And what's even better, you could include them in your group of friends. Because two is always better than one. And three is always better than two.

Create a friendship bracelet for someone that is left out. Find three pieces of string and tie them together with a knot at the end. Braid the three strands together until the braid is six inches long. Get an adult to help you if you need it. Tie another knot in the end.

LOOK for ways to work together to help someone else succeed.

READ ECCLESIASTES 4:8

DAY 4

What's more fun? Working alone or with a friend? What's more fun? Celebrating hard work alone or with a friend? Sometimes being alone is no fun. Especially when you have a big job to do. In these verses, we see someone who works hard, but has no one to help. And at the end of the day, all that hard work doesn't count for much because he doesn't have anyone to enjoy it with!

Sometimes you might think it would be better if you could just do the job yourself without having to rely on someone else. But God knows that we need each other. He knows that we'll get way more done when we choose to cooperate. And when the job is done, we'll be able to celebrate together too.

Look at options below and circle the one you would rather do.

Would you rather?

Clean up your room by yourself or have a little help.

Put all your laundry away by yourself or work with your Mom.

Clean up all the supper dishes or work with your brother.

KNOW that God loves it when we help someone else succeed.

We can work together to help someone else succeed.