

# COOPERATION

Working together to do more than you can do alone

WEEK  
**FOUR**  
2<sup>ND</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

## READ JOHN 17:20-21

## DAY 1

Jesus not only prayed that His disciples would work together so that others would believe in Him, but He prayed the same prayer for you and me. When we act "as one," loving each other and choosing unity, the world will see our love and believe in God's love for them too.

Write the word "ONE" on one of your hands to remind you of this truth all day: that when we are one with other believers, the world will believe in Jesus.

**KNOW** that Jesus could have prayed for anything for us, and He prayed for unity.

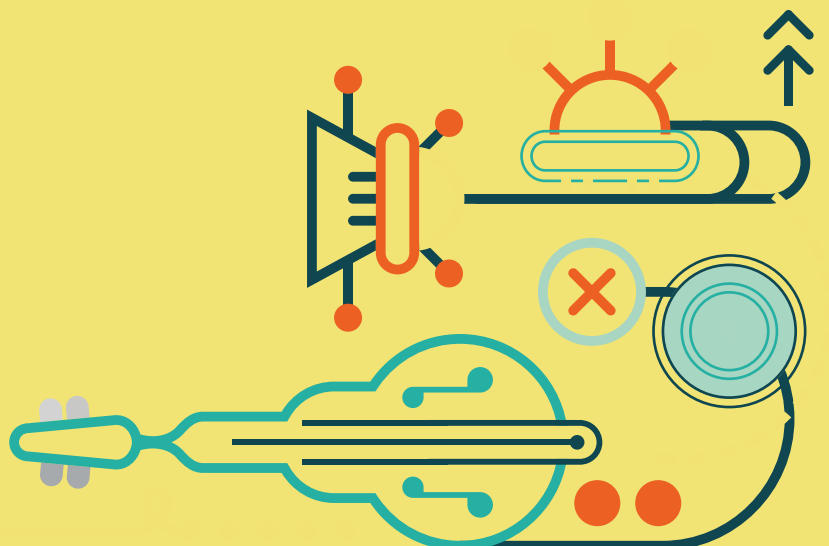
## READ 1 JOHN 4:12

## DAY 2

Get in the darkest room of your house and turn out all lights other than a flashlight. Can you see the flashlight, or do you mostly just see the light?

As humans, we can't actually SEE God, but what we can see is His light. And one of the best ways we can see His light is in the lives of people who follow Him. When we live in peace with each other and work together, the world will see our love for each other, and it will shine like a bright light in a dark room to show them God's love.

**KNOW** that loving others well shows the world who Jesus is.



## READ 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6

DAY 3

If it's not too cold, step outside and look at the grass, trees, and other living things. Has your family planted any of the things you see? Even if your family plants a garden regularly, you've probably figured out that it's not completely up to you to have a successful garden. You can plant the seeds and water them regularly, but if the weather doesn't cooperate, or if animals or pests invade, you may not see the fruit of your labor. With any "luck," you'll grow giant juicy tomatoes and vibrant, colorful flowers.

One cool thing about cooperating to point others to Jesus is that it reminds us that we aren't responsible for making others put their trust in Jesus. We can play a big role in showing them who Jesus is and in loving them like God loves us, but it is God who ultimately shows them who He is. How cool is it that we get to cooperate with the maker of the Universe to invite others into a relationship with Him?!

**THANK** God for the chance to work with Him to show others who He is.



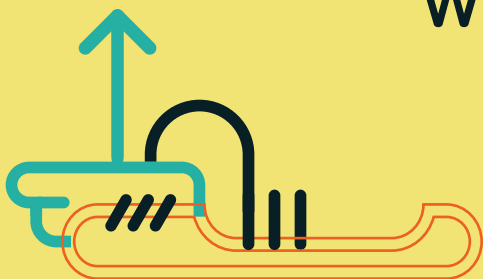
## READ ROMANS 15:5-6

DAY 4

As followers of Jesus, we can work together to show the world who God is and how much He loves them. One way we can do that is by encouraging each other.

Write down a couple of names of people who you know are trying to use their gifts to show others who God is. Maybe it's your small group leader, or your best friend. Maybe they use their gifts of teaching to tell others about God. Or maybe they lead their soccer team in prayer before practice every week. This week, make a point to encourage them by either writing a short note or text, or just telling them that you see how they're working to show others who God is. As you encourage your friend, you are also working with them to point others to God.

**ASK** God to give you a love for others like He has.



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