

COOPERATION

Working together to do more than you can do alone

WEEK
THREE
2ND-3RD GRADE



READ ECCLESIASTES 4:12

DAY 1

Find the yarn or string you braided earlier this month. And also find another single piece of yarn or string (ideally similar to the one you braided). Try to break the single string. Then move on to the braided string. Which one seems stronger? The braided one, right?

When we stick together and cooperate, we are much stronger than when we try to do things alone. And that means we can be a much better help to others too!

KNOW that working with others makes you a better friend to everyone!



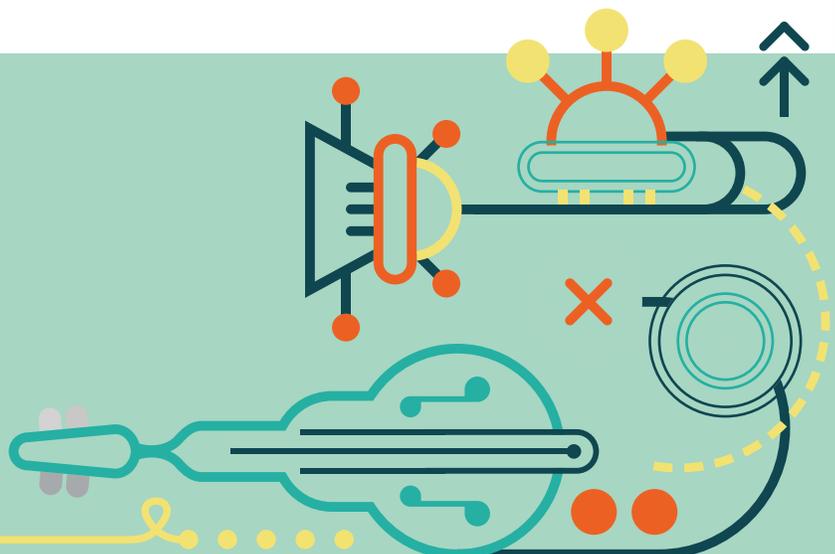
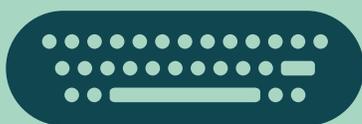
READ ROMANS 12:6-8

DAY 2

Stand in front of the mirror and say out loud some of the gifts and talents that God has given you. Maybe even flex your muscles if He made you athletic, or sing in the shower if He gave you the gift of music (or even if He didn't—no one can hear anyway!).

Did you ever think about the fact that God gave you gifts and talents not to help yourself, but so you could help others?! When we use our gifts to work together, it makes us stronger, both as individuals, and as a community of people who follow Jesus. As you go about your day today, think about how you could use one of your gifts to work with others and help someone in need.

ASK God to show you how you can use the gifts He gave you to help someone in need.



READ EPHESIANS 4:16

DAY 3

Grab a blank sheet of paper and try to cut out the word “cooperation” as one solid word without writing it out first. Pretty hard, right? Now, trace the word below and try to cut it again as one solid piece. Much easier!

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When we allow Jesus to guide us, instead of trying to do it ourselves, we can do our part of the job and stay connected to each other. And when we work together, we will be able to help others in need much more than we could do by ourselves.

ASK God to help you play the role He created you to play in helping others.



READ GALATIANS 6:2

DAY 4

Gather as many family members as you can (at least two people). Take turns doing a “trust fall” (where you cross your arms in front of your chest and fall backward, trusting your family members will catch you and keep you from falling).

It’s a lot easier to fall when you know there’s more than one person back there to catch you, isn’t it? When we work together to help others, we can do so much more than if we do it alone.

THANK God for giving us each other to carry our heavy loads when we can’t keep going.



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