COOPERATION

EEK 3

Working together to do more than you can do alone

BOTTOM LINE: Work together to help someone in need.

Read Galatians 6:2

Reaching Out

It is a great time to bless some other people in your town who are in need. Go online and look up some ideas you can do as a family to help others. Some things that might work for your family are: collecting canned goods for the local food pantry, making cards for the elderly in a nearby nursing home, or raking the leaves of your neighbor down the road. Whatever you choose, work together as a family, follow through and feel the love!

(Whatever you choose, please be sure to check with your chosen person/organization to make sure that your item(s) will be welcomed and useful.)

ASK God to help you show His love to others by what you do for them.

Praying Together

Round up your family members and have a prayer time together.

Use the "hand stack" activity to take turns praying. Have one person place their hand in the middle of the table, then have everyone else in the family place one hand on top to create a "stack" of hands. The person whose hand is at the base of the "stack goes first, praying a single sentence prayer as they pull out stack goes first, praying a single sentence prayer as they pull out their hand out and place it on top of the "hand stack." Then, the next person, whose hand is now on the bottom, prays as they pull next person, whose hand is now on the stack. When you sense their hand out and place it on top of the stack. When you sense it is time to stop, the adult (whose hand is on the bottom) raises it is time to stop, the adult (whose hand is on the bottom) raises up the pile of hands. That's the signal for everyone to say "Amen!" and high five the person next to them.

Examples of things you can pray for are: finding opportunities to help those around you, being able to work well with others, and asking that God will help you help others succeed.

THANK God for carrying our burdens so we can help carry other's burdens.

Heavy Load

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse, **Galatians 6:2**. Read through the verse a few times together. After reading, take turns acting out practical ways of carrying others burdens.

Have each person read the verse or have someone read it aloud to the group. Once everyone has heard it, take turns acting! Rather than acting out the words in the verse, create a skit that demonstrates how the memory verse might be applied to a real life situation.

For example: "Carry one another's heavy loads" could look like helping someone who is sad that they lost their favorite toy.

KNOW that God will always carry our heavy burdens.

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Game Night!

Grab some family members or friends and have a game night! Play some simple team games like: Charades or Pictionary. Divide into two teams, work together and have fun! You can go online for some fun Charades or Pictionary ideas or you can use some phrases from this month's memory verses or Bible stories!

LOOK for ways to work together with others to help those in need.

