



WEEK
FOUR
MARCH 2025

SMALL GROUP
K-1

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Up on the Roof

Four Friends Work Together
Luke 5:17-26

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Work together to help
someone in need.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Two people are better than
one. They can help each
other in everything they do.
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSzi> for a visual on some of the activities.

Check out our Small Group Leader Conversation Guides to guide you through salvation conversations: <https://bit.ly/4daxSUg>

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener
Worship
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Cooperation Transportation
Application Activity: Movin' with Cooperation
Memory Verse Activity: Pieced Together Cooperation
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for the compassion and kindness that the kids are developing through their relationship with God. Ask God to open their eyes to see how they can work together to make a difference in the lives of those in need around them.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, and large floor puzzles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name or with a fun handshake as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Spread out the puzzles in different sections of your group area.
- As the kids arrive, lead them to a specific puzzle to work on.
- Encourage the kids to work together to complete their puzzles.

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Ball pit balls, paper, and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to find a partner. Assist as needed.
- Give each pair one piece of paper and one ball pit ball.
- Use the tape to mark a start and finish line.
- Explain to the pairs that they will work together to carry the ball pit ball on the paper from the start to the finish line.
- Pick one of the following ways to play the game:
 - Pairs can compete against other pairs.
 - Pairs can take turns starting at the starting line and walking to the finish line.
- If the pairs take turns walking to the finish line, encourage the rest of the group to cheer them on!
- If a pair drops their ball, encourage them to pick it up and keep going.
- Remind the kids to work together and encourage each other.
- Leave the tape lines on the floor for the Cooperation Transportation Activity later.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all did a great job working together carrying the ball with your friend!
[Transition] In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about some friends who worked together to help someone important to them. Let's go!"

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery



2. MOVIN' WITH COOPERATION

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Beach towel, hand towels (or floor dots), and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Designate a starting line and mark it with floor tape.
- Place the beach towel on the floor a couple of feet away from the starting tape line.
- Line up the kids behind the starting line.
- Point out the beach towel and explain the goal:
 - Get every kid from the starting line to the towel without touching the floor.
- Place the hand towels (or floor dots) at the starting line and tell the kids they will use them to help cross the space.
- If the kids are unsure what to do, suggest placing the first hand towel (or a floor dot) on the floor close to the starting line.
- Then, encourage the group to hand that kid another towel (or floor dot) to place in front of them.
- Point out that another kid now has a space to stand on the previous towel (or floor dot).
- Ask:
 - "What can we do next?"
- Encourage the kids to communicate as they complete the challenge.
- Continue in the same way until one kid makes it across.
- Once everyone has made it across, congratulate them for working together!

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"How did working together help you to get from one side to the other? (*Invite responses.*) Right! You cooperated to help everyone reach the towel without touching the floor! What if you saw a problem that seemed too big to fix alone? Could you ask for help? (*Invite responses.*) Can you do more alone or when you work together with others? (*Invite responses.*)"

"Sometimes, when we see a need, it seems impossible to help. While we may not be able to physically carry people to Jesus like the friends in our story, we can still ask Jesus to help them. Getting together with friends to pray for someone who is hurting or going through a hard time still makes a big difference! Remember that we can do more when we **work together to help someone in need.**"



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*3. PIECED TOGETHER COOPERATION [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Ecclesiastes 4:9, permanent marker, and prepared "Ecclesiastes 4:9 Puzzle" Activity Page in individual zip-top bags

WHAT YOU DO:

- Select a volunteer to open the marked Bible to Ecclesiastes 4:9.
- Read the verse aloud to your group. Then, invite the kids to repeat the verse together.
- Divide your group into pairs.
 - A group of three is just fine!
- Provide each kid with a zip-top bag containing the puzzle from the "Ecclesiastes 4:9 Puzzle" Activity Page.
- Encourage the kids to work together to complete both puzzles.
 - *NOTE: They are the same puzzle. Pairs are getting a chance to put the puzzle together twice.*
- Once each pair has finished, encourage them to read the verse together. (Be prepared to help as needed.)
- Use the permanent marker to help kids write their names on the zip-top bags.
- Direct the kids to place their puzzles back in the zip-top bag with their name on it to take home.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job working together to complete your puzzles! When you did, it showed us this month's Memory Verse. When we remember Scripture, God's Word, it helps us learn how to live and make good choices every day. This verse tells us that two people are better than one! That means we can do great things when we work together! So, let's remember to **work together to help someone in need!**"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Ask:
 - “What are some needs you see around you?”
- If kids need help getting started, share a few examples:
 - A sibling who needs help building a block tower.
 - A busy teacher who needs a hand.
 - A friend who needs prayer while going through a hard time.
 - A grown-up who is cleaning up the kitchen.
- Give kids a moment to share the needs they came up with.
- Lead the kids in prayer, asking God to help them **work together to help someone in need.**

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WHAT YOU SAY:

“Dear God, thank You for loving us and for giving us each other. We see lots of needs around us—some are big, and some are small. Please help us to work together to help those in need. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their Ecclesiastes 4:9 puzzles as they share that we can **work together to help someone in need.**

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