

Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.



DAY 1

Read Exodus 17:12

What happened when Moses' arms got tired? The Israelites began to lose the battle. Aaron and Hur saw what was happening. They chose to cooperate and work together to help Moses succeed.

You'll probably never have to stand on a mountain and help someone hold up their hands. But you could. . .

- Help a friend clean up a neighbor's yard
- Help your mom with the laundry
- Get a friend to help you organize the books in your classroom

There are SO many ways you could work together to help someone succeed!

A Little Help From My Friends

Grab two large books (like a Bible or dictionary), one in each hand. Ask someone to time you to see how long you can hold up the books with your arms outstretched. Record the time. Now find two friends to stand on either side and help you just like Aaron and Hur did. Record the time and compare it to your first one. How much longer could you stay in that position?

DAY 2

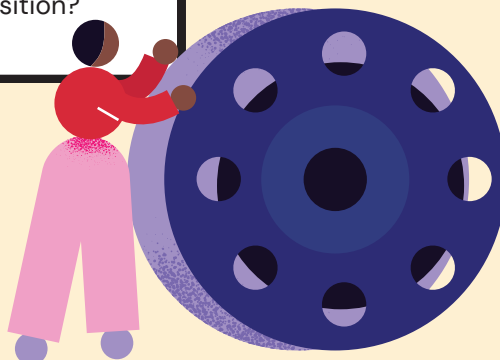
Read Proverbs 27:17

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

That "rubbing off" idea is what this verse is all about. The way we treat others and cooperate will "rub off" on 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 those qualities will "rub off" on the people around us and help them to be loving and caring and willing to serve as well.

Verse Reveal

Write this verse on an index card with a white marker. Now choose a friend to color over the entire card with a light colored crayon. The verse should be revealed underneath! Talk about what this verse means together.



Read Ecclesiastes 4:12

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

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 stand up to that bully. Even better, you could be the one to stand up with someone else to that bully, whether that's with your friend or teacher. Because two is always better than one. And three is always better than two.

Friendship Bracelet

Create a friendship bracelet for someone who 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 on the other end.

Read Ecclesiastes 4:8

What's more fun:

Working alone or with a friend?

Celebrating hard work alone or with a friend?

Sometimes, being alone isn't so fun. Especially when you have a big job to do. In these verses, we see someone who works hard but has no 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. God 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.

Would You Rather

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

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| Clean up your room by yourself | OR | have a little help cleaning your room? |
| Put all your laundry away by yourself | OR | work with your grownup on the laundry? |
| Clean up all the supper dishes all by yourself | OR | work with your brother? |

Work together to help someone succeed.