

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

DAY 1

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Riding a seesaw

Talking on a pair of walkie-talkies

Playing catch

Playing hide-and-go-seek

Know what all these things have in common? They all require at least two people. If you sat on a seesaw by yourself, you'd just sit there with one end up in the air. If you picked up a pair of walkie-talkies by yourself, your conversation sure wouldn't last very long. There are just some things that require two people.

The same is true when it comes to getting things done. Four hands are always better than two hands. Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.

Pair-Up Memory

Grab a friend or sibling, a Bible and a ball and head outside if you can. Toss the ball back and forth as you say the words of the verse. If one of you drops the ball, you have to start back at the beginning of the verse. Repeat until you can say the entire verse from memory. Reference the Bible if you need to!

DAY 2

Read Genesis 2:18

God declared that it was “very good” after making Adam. But the picture wasn't complete. Something was still missing. Though Adam had named all the animals, he didn't find a helper that was just right for him—so God made Eve!

God didn't want us to be alone. From the very beginning, God knew that we would need each other, because we can do more and have a lot more fun when we cooperate and work together.

But cooperation or working with others isn't always easy. There will be times when you wish you were “just by yourself” or that you could do it on your own. But you will always be able to do more good when you choose to work with others.

Verse Illustrator

Write out the words of Genesis 2:18 in the space below. Use symbols, pictures, or crazy letters to create your own special edition of this verse.

Read Colossians 3:14-15

Handprint

Grab a piece of paper and trace around the fingers on your hand. Think about all the parts of your body that had to work together just now to trace that hand. It required your brain, your fingers, your wrist, your eyes... so many "parts" of you had to work together!

The same way the parts of your body work together, Jesus wants us to work with one another. Cooperation requires care and attention. We have to take other people's ideas into account and show them that what they have to say is important.

Grab your handprint drawing from earlier. Write the words of today's verse in a long curling line up and over the fingers of your hand. Place your drawing in a spot where you'll see it each day as a reminder that Jesus wants us to work together.



Read Ephesians 4:16

What does the word "support" mean? Write your own definition here:

Support means to help or assist. Support and cooperation go hand in hand. Today's verse reminds us that Jesus created each of us to play our part in supporting and helping each other. Isn't that awesome?

Cooperation Challenge

Grab some cotton balls or Q-tips. Dump all the items on one end of your kitchen table. Place a bowl on the opposite side of the table. Set a timer for one minute and see how many items you can move to the bowl. NOTE: You may only move ONE item at a time. Ready? Go!

How many items did you move alone?

Now, let's try cooperating! Recruit a family member or friend to help you play the game. Set a timer for one minute to see how many items you can move to the bowl. Same rules apply, only move ONE item at a time. Ready? Go!

How many did you move together?

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