

ALLEY SG – Jan 16th/17th

Bible Story: The Biggest Losers (People help Moses) • Exodus 17:8-13

Bottom Line: We can work together to help someone else succeed.

Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.” Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Life App: Cooperation—working together to do more than you can do alone.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Kids are often competing with each other, so today’s Bottom Line might be a bit counterintuitive for some. Pray that God would break through these barriers and soften kids’ hearts to see that He wants us to cooperate with our peers to contribute to the success of someone else.

Hula Hoop Pass

What You Need: Hula-hoop

What You Do:

- Rest a Hula-hoop on your forearm.
- Form a circle with the kids and join hands with the Hula-hoop still resting on your forearm.
- Without breaking hands, pass the Hula-hoop around the circle with each player stepping into the hoop and then guiding the hoop over his/her head and on to the next person.
- *Extra Challenge:* Once the kids get this down, see if they can get two players through the hoop together. To do this, you will have to form two circles, one inside the other and the hula hoop will start by resting on the forearm of a person from each circle.

What You Say:

“Excellent cooperation! You guys successfully passed a Hula-hoop around a circle, review what happened in our Bible story when there was cooperation.”

- What happened when Moses lowered his staff?
- Why did the Israelites win the battle against the Amalekites in our story today? (*Because Aaron and Hur worked together with Moses.*)
- If Aaron and Hur hadn’t helped Moses, do you think the Israelites would have succeeded? Why not?

There are many times **[Bottom Line] we can work together to help someone else succeed.**

Sometimes that means we don’t get what we want, but when we work together we can do more than we could do alone.”

Show Your Appreciation

What You Need: Piece of white poster board (one per small group); red, white, and pink paper or cardstock; markers; scissors; glue sticks; Heart stickers

What You Do:

- Ask kids to work together to think of someone who works or volunteers in the ALLEY or in our church who they think could use some encouragement.
- Tell kids to use the provided supplies to make one giant card for that person. Make sure they each write something in it, saying what they appreciate about that person.

What You Say:

"I like the way you cooperated to make this card for [person's name]. I'm sure she (or he) will really love getting this card. I bet it will encourage her (or him) and help her to work even harder than she (or he) already does. I appreciated the way you worked together to help someone else!"

Verse Mix Up (memory verse activity)

What You Need: "Verse Mix Up Cards" Activity Page, bag, timer

What You Do:

- For each kid in your group, place a set of "Verse Mix Up" cards in a bag.
- Shake the bag and mix the cards well.
- Tell kids to each draw 10 cards from the bag.
- When you start the timer, kids begin to put the verses in the correct order. They will need to work together and trade words so everyone completes the verse.
- Stop the timer once everyone has successfully put the verses in the correct order.
- *Optional:* Repeat the activity and see if they can work together to beat their time.

What You Say:

"Great job working together! 'Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do,' Ecclesiastes 4:9. What a great verse to remind us to show cooperation. During this game there were times when you were missing a word and you needed help, and there were times when you were able to give someone a word when THEY needed help. There will be times when **[Bottom Line]** **we can work together to help someone else succeed** and there will be times when other people work together to help you succeed. When we show cooperation, we work together and help each other in everything."

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray with the kids, thanking God for His Word and for always being with us.
- Ask God to teach us how to work together and to help each other in everything we do.

- Ask God to remind us that when we help others succeed we are doing His work by treating others the way we would want to be treated.

Challenge: The Myth of the Lone Ranger

- Successful people rarely do anything completely by themselves—they have help! Dare kids to ask someone at home about a time when they won something—a medal, an award, a prize—but really, it wouldn't have been possible without the help of other people along the way.
- They should ask such things as: Did they feel guilty? Did they share the credit and give a shout out to the people who helped? Did they ever say thank you?
- If kids appear confused, give a quick example from your own life or ask for ones from a kid who seems to be catching on.
- Encourage kids to come back and share with the group what they learned.

PARENT CONNECTION AT PICK UP: Tell parents today we learned ***[Bottom Line]* we can work together to help someone else succeed.** Encourage kids to tell their parents how Aaron and Hur helped Moses succeed.