

CITY LG – Jan 30th/31st

Bible Story: Flip This Church (Early Church works together) • Acts 2:42-47 (Supporting: John 13:35)

Bottom Line: Working together can point people to Jesus.

Memory Verse: “Two people are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.” Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

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

Sfx: Play Born to Be Wild Music as the Storyteller comes out and pretends to drive

Opener

Host enters wearing racing gear. He sits in a chair and pretends as though he is in a racing car. He waves and gives a salute to the audience. Keep driving for a little while until you suddenly appear to swerve and crash

Sfx: crash!

CG: High Gear Slide

Host gets up looking a little embarrassed

“Welcome ... to HIGH GEAR!”

Fade out music

HOST: “I’m so excited I can hardly stand it! Today on High Gear we’re stepping it up a notch. Yes! Since this is the final week of cooperation, I thought we’d put your cooperation skills to the ultimate test.

CG: Cooperation Slide

“You probably know this by now, but just in case: cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone. And you’ve ROCKED it this month. You’ve worked together to build a race track. You’ve worked together to become a machine. You worked together to turn your small group leaders into cars, But now ... you’re going to actually build a car!

“That’s right! We’re building cars today! Jump into your Small Groups and we’ll get started!

SFX: Start Born to Be Wild Music again

Each Small Group will work together with their Small Group Leader to create their own air-powered car from their box of supplies.

*Allow enough time for each Small Group to build a car.
Once all cars are completed, bring them up on stage and
race them.*

"You did it! You built your own cars! What a great morning! Now it's time to pop the hood on God's Word!"

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "To get us started this morning, check out this verse from the book of John. This is Jesus talking in John 13:35, and He says (*read directly from the Bible*), 'If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples.' In other words, Jesus was saying that people will know Christians by the way they treat each other, the way they love each other, and the way they cooperate with each other.

"When Jesus went back to heaven, He didn't leave behind any churches—at least no church buildings. Instead, He left His friends—the people who had followed Him and listened to His teachings. They met every day in the temple courtyards to remind each other about the things He taught them, and they met together in their homes too. You can imagine Peter and John and the other disciples talking about what Jesus said and what Jesus taught them."

Check this out....

Bible Story Video: 252 Story Week 4

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "What Jesus said would happen actually happened! As Jesus' followers showed love to each other, people from all over began to visit when the believers gathered. They learned about Jesus, and soon many of them became His followers, too. The early Church grew quickly, all because they worked together. Check out our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Working together can point people to Jesus. This is such an important thing to remember. We are going to shout it out a few times. I will say, WORKING TOGETHER and I want you all at the top of your lungs to say, "CAN POINT PEOPLE TO JESUS!"

ST: Working together...

Kids: Can point people to Jesus! Let's do that one more time!

ST: Working together...

Kids: Can point people to Jesus!

That's right! When you work together and show love to each other and the people around you, those people will catch a glimpse of how much Jesus loves them. That's why the Bible tells us in our monthly

memory verse....

CG: Memory Verse Slide: NIV version

“Two people are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.” Ecclesiastes 4:9, *NiV*

And the most important thing we can work together to do is to point people who don't know him to Jesus.

Let's pray and ask God to help us with that.”

Pray

STORYTELLER: “Lord, thank You for showing us how to love one another, how to care for one another, and how to cooperate with one another. Your Word is a great example to us about how to live our lives, and we're so thankful that it helps us learn and grow. I pray that everyone in here gets a chance to spread Your love to others by the way we act and talk to each other. I pray that people will know You by knowing us. We ask these things in Jesus' name, amen.”