

CITY SG – March 8 - 9, 2025

Today's Bible Story: You Raise Me Up (Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites) • *Exodus 17:8-13*

Today's Bottom Line: Work together to help someone succeed.

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a high five or a fun handshake!
- Encourage kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- **Ask** if anyone who was here last week remembers what we are talking about this month? (Cooperation)
- **Ask** if anyone has an example of a way they cooperated with someone else this week?
- Instruct the kids to pair up and turn to face each other.
- Direct each pair to select a leader.
- Call out a movement from the list below for the leader to do.
- Instruct the partner to mirror each movement the leader makes as they face their partner.
- For example, if the leader waves their right hand, instruct the partner to “mirror” them and wave their left hand.
- Suggested movements:
 - Give an air high five.
 - Scratch your head.
 - Pat your tummy.
 - March in place.
 - Dab or floss.
 - Wiggle your nose.
 - Tug one ear, then the other.
 - Clap your hands.
 - Say your name.
 - Leader's choice
- Instruct the kids to switch roles within the pairs.
- Play another round but call out the suggested movements in a different order.
- Play as long as time allows.
- Before you go to Large Group say, “**Let's go hear a story about a group of people who needed help and how that help came in a very unusual way.**”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Draw It Out!

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Large piece of butcher paper (one per group), markers

What You Do:

- Roll out the piece of butcher paper in the middle of your group space.
- Ask kids to draw characters or scenarios from today's Bible story.
- Say, "I can't think of a better example of cooperation than the story of Joshua and the Israelites fighting the Amalekites. God gave Moses a way to help the Israelites by raising his arms high, but Moses couldn't do it alone. Aaron and Hur saw Moses struggling, so they stepped in to help. Together, they helped Moses—and all of God's people—win the battle. They learned firsthand that you can **work together to help someone succeed**. Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone. It's about what you can do with others and **FOR** others!"

2. Roll-a-Verse

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Memory Verse Sign", "Roll Directives" Activity Page (one of each per group), and die

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.*
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIRV)
- Explain to the kids that they will work to memorize the Memory Verse in a fun way.
- Place the "Memory Verse Sign" in the middle of the group.
- Practice saying the verse together several times as a group.
 - Make it fun by using hand motions or a clapping rhythm!
- Turn the sign over so the kids can no longer see the verse.
- Select a kid to start by rolling the die.
- Depending on the number the kid rolls, instruct the entire group to say the verse in a fun way, as listed on the "Roll Directives" Activity Page. For example:
 - Roll 1: Say the verse in a whisper.
- Continue passing the die around the circle so each kid can roll and lead the verse.
- Keep going until every kid has a turn or as long as interest allows.

3. Pray for One Another

Application Activity

What You Need: Index cards (one per kid), and pens

What You Do:

- Give each kid an index card and a pen.
- Instruct the kids to write their names in the center on ONE side of the card.
 - *For early writers, encourage them to draw a picture of themselves or be prepared to help them write their names if needed.*
- On the back of the card, direct the kids to write or draw a personal prayer request for themselves or someone in their home.
- Then, direct the kids to exchange cards.
- Remind them of today's bottom line and let them know that one way you can help someone succeed is by praying for them!
- Explain that one way to help others succeed is by praying for them.
- Give the kids a moment to pray for each other's prayer requests silently if time allows.
- Instruct the kids to take the cards home and place them somewhere they'll see them, reminding them to pray for their friends throughout the week.
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AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...
- "Dear God, thank You for loving us and creating each of my friends here uniquely! Getting things done by ourselves can feel easier, but we know You created us to work together. Please give each of us the patience to **work together to help someone succeed**. Open our eyes to see how we can cooperate with others daily. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share the Bottom Line "**work together to help someone succeed.**"