



Use this guide to help your family learn about cooperation.

First, watch
this week's
video!

Cooperation:
Working
together to do
more than you
can do alone

Memory Verse

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."

Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Bible Story

Early Church Works Together / Believers Share Their Lives Together
Acts 2:42-47

Key Question

How do you cooperate every day?

Activity

ABCs of Cooperation

What You Need:

Paper, writing utensil, timer

What You Do:

Give your child a sheet of paper, and take one for yourself. On each sheet, write the alphabet down the side of the paper. (Start at the top with "A" and work your way down to "Z", flipping over the page and using the back if needed.)

Say, "I'm going to set a timer for 90 seconds. When I say 'go,' we'll start writing examples for ways we can cooperate to help others—one for each letter of the alphabet. For example: 'C' could be for carrying in groceries. Let's see who can name the most. Ready? GO!"

At the end of the activity, count to see who was able to name the most helpful activities. If time allows, hold another round of 30 seconds to fill in any missing letters.

Say, "There are lots of ways to cooperate to help others. We can get in the habit of doing those things together. From the list we made, let's each think of two or three things we can do this week, and make sure we do them all!"



Talk About the Bible Story

Why do you think cooperation was so important for the early church?

What was the result of the believers working together well? (*Many new believers put their faith in Jesus and joined them.*)

How does our church work together? How are we similar to the early church? How are we different?

What might have happened if the early church didn't cooperate?

Why is it important for us, as Jesus-followers, to work together?

What can be the result when we work well together?

What can be the result when we *don't* work well together?

Parent: Share a story about a time when you cooperated with another group of people to help one another.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, we want to use what You've given us as we cooperate to help others. Help us to look at what we have—resources, gifts, and talents—and use those things to benefit a bigger purpose. Show us how to share not just what we have, but our lives as well. Help us get in the habit of working together. We love You. Amen."