Jam Session: Everyone has a part to play

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



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, NIrV

Bible Story

Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites Exodus 17:8–13

Bottom Line

Work together to help someone succeed.

Activity

Blind Turn

What You Need:

Sheets of paper, blindfold or sleep mask

What You Do:

Clear out a space in a room, or even outside in your yard. Place sheets of paper at random on the floor. Before bringing your child into the room, place a blindfold on them.

Lead your child into the room and tell them they have to cross from one side of the other. Say, "I've placed several traps on the floor. Don't worry, they're just sheets of paper! If you step on a sheet of paper, you have to come back to the start. Listen to my voice, and I'll tell you how to safely cross from one side of the room to the other without stepping on a trap. Ready?"

Coach your child in crossing the room without stepping on a trap.

When you're finished with the activity, say, "We worked together to get the victory!"

Talk About the Bible Story

Who in our Bible story showed cooperation to get the victory? (Aaron and Hur worked together to help Moses keep his arms in the air. And the three of them worked together to help Joshua and the Israelites win the battle.)

What does it mean to succeed?

What does it look like to help someone else succeed?

Why do you think God wants us to cooperate with others to help them succeed?

What's an example of a time someone worked with you to help you succeed?

Parent: Share about a time someone cooperated to help you succeed. Talk about how their cooperation and help made you feel.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for giving us people in our lives to help us when we need it. Thank You that we don't have to do everything by ourselves. Thank You that we can also team up with others to help someone. This week, show us how we can work together to help someone else succeed. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."