

# City SG—March 13th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** All for You (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*)

## 1. Missing Word Hum

### Non-Reader Option highlighted below

**What You Need:** "Memory Verse" Activity Page (1 per Group), painter's tape

**What You Do:**

- Say, "We are going to work together to practice our Memory Verse!"
- Tape the verse page to a wall or somewhere else visible to the kids.
- Instruct the kids to sit on the floor facing the verse.
- Lead the kids in reciting the verse a few times.
- Select a kid to be the "guesser" and ask them to stand with their back to the verse.
- Invite a kid to stand up and point to one of the words from the verse so everyone can see it.
- Instruct the group to recite the verse and substitute the selected word with a hum.
  - *For Non-Readers, simply read the word selected to your group so that they know which word of the verse was selected. Your guesser will need to plug their ears so they can't hear the word being said.*
- Challenge the guesser to guess the missing word while still standing with their back to the verse.
- If the guesser struggles to recall the missing word, let them ask for help by saying, "I need help."
- The first kid to stand up when the guesser says they need help can whisper the missing word to them.
- Continue until everyone has had a chance to be the guesser.

**What You Say:**

"Great job of working together! During this game, two things happened: some of you asked for help while some of you helped. 'Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.' (*Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV*) What a great verse to remind us to show cooperation. 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. That's an amazing way to show cooperation."

## 2. Together We Succeed

**What You Need:** Small objects/toys (1 bag per Group), blindfolds (1 per kid), floor tape

**What You Do:**

- Say, "We are going to play a game now that will show us the importance of working together to help someone else succeed. Just like God wants us to!"
- Randomly place several small objects/toys (mines) along a path in your Small Group area. Place a piece of tape on the floor as a starting point.
- Direct one kid to stand behind the starting line and blindfold them.
- Invite the rest of the group to stand on the outside edge of the path.
- Direct the group to give their blindfolded teammate verbal instructions to help them successfully navigate the path, avoid the mines, pick up the objects, and get to the finish line.
- Make sure the blindfolded kid walks slowly and listens to the directions of their teammate in order to stay safe.
- Play as many rounds as time allows, letting everyone have a turn to walk the path blindfolded.

**What You Say:**

"You did a great job of working together to help your teammates succeed! What are some ways you can help someone succeed? (*Pause for responses.*) Great ideas! You can work together to help a friend study or help

someone practice a sport's skill. You can work with your brother or sister to help a neighbor. You and your family can work together to pray for someone who needs help. God loves it when we all work together, show cooperation, and encourage one another to succeed!"

**[Make it Personal] (Share a time when someone helped you succeed. What did they do for you? How did it make you feel?)** "So this week, remember to **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed**. When you do, you'll be showing them who God is—that He is kind and good and that He is for them."

### 3. Help from My Friends

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Say, "Now, we are going to play a game without blindfolds that will challenge you to work together with a partner. God wants us to work together!"
- Pair kids up, putting kids of similar size together.
- Challenge kids with different activities.
- Ask pairs to sit facing each other and hold hands.
  - Count to three, then tell kids to work together to pull each other up to a standing position.
  - Count to three again and sit back down.
- Direct kids to sit on the floor with knees to their chest and feet flat on the floor.
  - Challenge them to try to stand up without using their arms. This will be difficult, if not impossible.
  - Next, let them work with their partner to do the same thing, but this time kids sit back-to-back and interlock arms.
  - Count to three, then kids stand up by pushing with their legs as they press against their friend's back as if it the friend is a wall.
  - Try sitting back down the same way, pressing their backs together for balance and strength.

**What You Say:**

"Which was easier, standing up by yourself or with a friend's help? It was much easier when you had someone helping you, wasn't it? There are lots of things that are much easier to do when you have help. In fact, some things are impossible to do alone. What are some things that are easier to do when you work together with someone else? *(Pause for responses.)* Those are reasons God wants us to cooperate with each other: so we can help each other improve, do better, and do things we could never do on our own. Let's do our best to **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone succeed.**"

### 4. Pray and Dismiss

**What You Need:** No Supplies Needed

**What You Do:**

- Invite the kids to circle up.
- Ask the kids to think of one person (teacher, Small Group Leader, parent, coach, sibling, friend, etc.) they would like to thank for helping them when they had a need.
- Close your group time with a prayer of thanksgiving.

**What You Say:**

"Dear God, thank You for giving us people in our lives to help us when we need it. Thank You for *(encourage the kids to take turns naming the people they wrote on their index cards)*. 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 **[Bottom Line] we can work together to help someone else succeed**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."