

# City SG—March 20th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Do Something (Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk / Four Friends) • Luke 5:17-26

**Today's Bottom Line:** Work together to help someone in need.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do.* Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)

## 1. See a Need, Meet a Need

**What You Need:** "See a Need" Cards and "Meet a Need" Cards (1 full set of the Cards per Group), tape (roll per group)

### What You Do:

- Say, "We are going to play a game now that will help us see the importance of working together to help someone in need! Just like God wants us to."
- Divide into two teams and have them move to opposite sides of the activity area.
- Tape the "See a Need" cards to the shirtfronts of kids on one team and the corresponding "Meet a Need" cards to the shirtfronts of the kids on the other team, keeping the teams separated from each other. (If you did not use all of the "See a Need" cards, make sure you don't tape the matching "Meet a Need" cards to the other team.)
- Let kids look at their picture to see what it is but ask them not to talk with one another about it.
- Bring teams together and let kids try to find the kid wearing the card that best matches their own.
- Explain that one card contains a picture of a need and the other shows a way to meet that need.
- If time allows, or if you didn't use all of the cards, play again by mixing up the cards and redistributing them.
- As a variation, place the cards face down on the floor and let kids take turns flipping over two cards. If the cards are a match (a need and a way to meet it), they can keep the cards. The kid with the most matches is the winner.

### What You Say:

"There are needs all around you: at home, in your school, in your neighborhood, and all across the world! Just as you did in our game, God wants you to look for the needs around you then find a way to help. Remember, you don't have to work alone. In fact, sometimes a need is so big that it takes many people to help. That's why we need to **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone in need.** Ask a parent or other grown-up to help you figure out what to do. You might not be able to do EVERYTHING to meet a need, but you can almost always do SOMETHING."

## 2. Ecclesiastes Countdown

**What You Need:** Bible, round stickers (1 per kid, per service), pen

### What You Do:

- Review Ecclesiastes 4:9 with the kids by reading it aloud to them and letting them echo back each phrase.
  - *Two people // are better than one. // They can help each other // in everything they do. //*  
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)
- Invite the kids to play a game by saying you will "give them each a turn at leading the others in saying the verse." Let them know that you will help them if they get stumped or don't remember all the words.
- Assign each kid a number then attach a round sticker with the number written on it to the back of their hand so that the number is facing the correct direction for them to read it.

- Explain that you will call out one of the numbers. The kid who has that number on their sticker should raise their hand and shout out, "That's me!"
- As quickly as they can, the other kids should line up behind them in no particular order.
- Tell kids that you will begin counting to ten as soon as the kid with the number shouts, "That's me!"
- The goal is to form a straight line behind the kid whose number was called before you finish counting to ten.
- After the kids have formed a line, invite the kid whose number was called to lead the others in saying the memory verse together.
- Repeat until everyone has had a turn to lead the others in reciting Ecclesiastes 4:9.

#### What You Say:

"You're doing a great job of learning a really important verse. God wants us to remember that 'two are better than one' because God created us to **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone in need**. Two friends are great but sometimes three is even better. Or five. Or ten. This week, line up some friends and **[Bottom Line] work together to help someone in need**. Whenever you help meet a need, it shows others that you care. You can tell them that God loves them, too!"

### 3. Verse Jam

**Non-Reader Option highlighted below**

**What You Need:** "Jam Session Cards", Bibles

#### What You Do:

- Say, "Now, we're going to partner up and see how we you and your partner can work together to say our Memory Verse while doing something else like dancing, jumping jacks, standing on one foot, etc."
- Direct the kids to pair up.
- Give each pair a Jam Session card.
- READ Ecclesiastes 4:9 to your group several times, having them repeat it after you.
- Instruct the teams to practice reciting the verse using the directions on the card.
  - **For Non-Readers, have them select a "Jam Session Card" and read to them what their instructions will be. For example: Recite the verse while doing "The Floss" Dance.**
- Give the teams a few minutes to practice.
- After a few minutes, invite each team to recite the verse in front of the group, following the directions on the card.
- Invite the rest of the group to imitate reciting the verse the way each pair does.

#### What You Say:

"That verse sounded great with your Jam Session music and beats! And it looked great with your dance moves! Two people really were better than one! This verse is important to remember because it reminds us that we need one another's help. Was working in pairs easier than if you had followed the directions alone? *(Pause for responses.)* Can you think of other times when two people are better than one? *(Pause for responses.)*

"Sometimes, when we have a task that seems overwhelming, we need to let others help us. It also means that we need to be on the lookout for ways we can help other people with the job they try to accomplish. Because when we team up and work together, we can accomplish much more than we ever could alone. In fact, **[Bottom Line] we can work together to help someone in need**, and that is no small thing!"

## 4. Pray and Dismiss

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle and close their eyes.
- Invite the kids to reflect on one or two ways someone offered to help them when they had a need.
- After a few minutes, ask the kids to recall what they shared during Large Group and how they could help their family, friends, neighbors, or teammates.
- Encourage the kids to do what they share—it could change someone's life for the better.
- Close your group time in prayer.

**What You Say:**

“Dear God, thank You for bringing someone into our lives to help us when we had a need. Help us look beyond our busyness and excuses so we can find a way to say yes this week and work together to help someone who really needs help. Help us cooperate with our families, friends, and classmates so, together, we can think outside the box, get creative, and use our talents to ***[Bottom Line]* work together to help someone in need.**”