

# Cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.

## DAY 1

### Read 1 Peter 4:10

Think about your birthday. When someone brings you a gift to celebrate, what do you do? You open it! You enjoy it. (And hopefully, you remember to say, “Thank you!”)

God has given you specific gifts and abilities that make you, you! But just like you wouldn't leave a birthday gift unwrapped, God wants you to USE the gifts you've been given for good. God wants you to help and serve others.

It goes even further than that! When you combine your gifts with the gifts of other people around you, you can do even more good. When you cooperate and work together, you can solve more problems!

### Cooperation Brainstorm

As you sit with your family at your next meal, read today's verse. Go around the table and let each person share one gift they see in the person to their left. Then talk about how you could use these gifts together to solve problems.

## DAY 2

### Read Romans 12:16

Is it ever hard to work with others? What if you have a different idea? What if you think your idea is better? What if another person in your group bugs you or gets on your nerves?

Even if ALL those things are true, you don't get a pass.

What if we stopped thinking about what we wanted and started thinking about what's best for others? If we did, cooperation could really take off! That's why we need to work hard to agree. We need to stop thinking it's our way or no way and start listening to others. And when we do, we'll get so much more done.

Think of the last time you worked with a group or team. Was there someone who really bugged you? Have you ever prayed for that person? Spend some time in prayer today and ask God to forgive you if you've ever treated that person unfairly or in an unkind way. Thank God for loving you always and ask for help to love that person the way God loves you.

DAY 3

## Read 1 Corinthians 3:9

### Lego Building

Grab some LEGO® bricks and build a simple house. Looking at your house, is there one brick that's more important than the others? Nope! It takes all those bricks working together to create a strong, sturdy house.

You are like one of those bricks. God made you with specific gifts and abilities for you to use to help and serve others. God also made every single person around you with specific gifts and abilities to help serve others, too. When you combine ALL those gifts, you can help solve even MORE problems!

### Problem Solvers

Can you think of a problem that needs solving? Maybe there's a need in your community or even at your school. The problem might feel like it's too big just for you. But if you decided to work with others, it probably wouldn't seem so big after all. How could you work with others to solve that problem?

DAY 4

## Read Nehemiah 6:15

When Nehemiah saw the shape of the broken down walls around his hometown, he probably NEVER thought they could be rebuilt in only 52 days. But God did! Nehemiah faced a big problem, one that he couldn't fix all on his own. Thankfully, God's people helped, pitching in to do their part. Because lots of people helped, in a little under two months, this big problem wasn't a problem anymore.

Sometimes, we see a problem and decide, "That's just too big. There's no way I could solve it." And guess what? You're right. On your own, that big problem probably couldn't be fixed. But if you chose to cooperate and work with others, you could definitely make a difference.

This week, when you see a need that seems too big, think about Nehemiah and the people who helped him. In a little under two months, they made their city safe and protected. And just like Nehemiah, you can work together to solve problems.



Work together  
to solve problems.