Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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Day 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching, write one thing that:	
1. You liked:	
2. You learned:	

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3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Cooperation.

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Day 2

Read Nehemiah 4:1-21; 6:15

Despite numerous challenges, setbacks, and even enemies trying to distract Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem from doing the work, the cooperation paid off, and the wall was built!

But it took some hard work and cooperation to tackle such a massive project.

As you read through the verses in Nehemiah 4, underline all the ways that the people worked together. When you come across a description of the people working together to solve a specific problem, circle it.

Then go back and look specifically at everything you underlined and circled. There was some pretty creative problem-solving going on, wasn't there? But none of it could have been done if the people hadn't been willing to work together as God designed them to do.



We can pray all sorts of prayers: we can ask God for help or for things we need...we can pray for others...we can offer prayers of thankfulness to God and for others.

Day 3

Today, pray a prayer of thanks. First, answer this question:

How has someone helped you solve problems?

Get specific—who helped you; what did they do; how did it help?

Then turn all those specific details into a prayer of thankfulness, such as the one below.



"Dear God, thank You for putting

in my life. They have helped me

_____by

____. I couldn't

have solved this problem without them.

Please bless them for working with me to

____. In Jesus'

Name, I pray. Amen."

Day 4

Think back to yesterday's prayer.

Who did you thank God for, and what did they do to help you solve a problem? Yesterday you thanked God for them today you will thank them personally!

You can tell them at home or school. With your parents' permission, you can call them, text them, or DM them. You can also write them a thank you note or draw a picture.

However you choose to express your gratitude, be sure to be specific, letting them know just how much it meant to have their help in solving the problem.



It's time for the problem-solving phase of the plan!

Gather your cooperation team and put those brainstorming caps on again. This time, think of ways you can work together to solve problems. It might be easiest to start with some problems you see around. . . in your house, in your school, in your neighborhood or community. Then come up with ideas of how you might work together to solve that problem.

Here is an example:

Problem: Sometimes your pet doesn't get fed on time because it's not clear whose job it is.

Cooperation Solution: Decide on a rotation that works for everyone— whether someone is responsible for a certain day of the week or you assign one week at a time to someone. Also, build in some accountability—how can you check in with each other to make sure the pet is fed on time?

Just like last week, add all your ideas to the Cooperation Challenge master plan!