

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



DAY 1

**Read Exodus 39:42-43**

**This month, we'll talk about cooperation, which we've defined as working together to do more than you can do alone.**

God wants us to work together, not just because we'll get more done but because getting things done will be way more fun with friends! This week, when you find yourself hanging out with your friends, stop and thank God for that friend. Ask God to help you cooperate so you can do more than you can do alone.

DAY 2

**Read Colossians 3:14-15**

Grab a piece of paper and trace around the fingers on your hand.

Think about all the parts of your body that had to work together just now to trace that hand. It required your brain, your fingers, your wrist, your eyes, so many "parts" of you had to work together!



In the same way the parts of your body work together, God wants us to cooperate with one another. Cooperation requires care and attention. We have to take other people's ideas into account and show them that what they have to say is important.



Grab your handprint drawing from earlier. Write the words of today's verse in a long curling line up and over the fingers of your hand. As you write, thank God for your friends and ask for help to show love and care for them as you cooperate to get more done.



DAY 3

**Read Ephesians 4:16**

Support and cooperation go hand in hand. Remember, cooperation was God’s idea from the beginning. He wants us to work together, to help each other. So how about a little cooperation challenge?

**Cooperation Bowl**

1. Grab some cotton balls or cotton swabs.
2. Dump all the items on one end of your kitchen table.
3. Place a bowl on the opposite side of the table.
4. Set a timer for one minute and see how many items you can move to the bowl. (NOTE: You may only move one item at a time.) Ready? Go!

How many items did you move alone?

*Now, let’s try cooperating!*

1. Grab a family member or friend to stand on the opposite side of the table.
2. Set a timer for one minute to see how many items you can move to the bowl
3. Same rules apply, only move one item at a time. Ready? Go!

How many items did you move alone?

Clearly, you can do more together than you can do alone! Let’s look for ways to help or support each other as we cooperate this week.

DAY 4

**Read Acts 2:42-47**

After Jesus returned to heaven, His closest friends, the disciples, traveled around telling everyone about Jesus and all He had done. They started churches, groups of believers who helped each other. These verses in Acts tell us a lot about how they cooperated and worked together.

**Unscramble the words below.**

1. They ..... and .....together.  
T A E      D P E Y A R
2. They ..... everything they had.  
D R S A E H
3. They ..... to anyone who needed something.  
V A E G

Those first believers understood that they could reach more people with the good news about Jesus if they helped each other and cooperated!

So what could you do? Circle or highlight one of the statements above and ask God to help you pray for others, share with others or give to others when they ask this week.

*Answers: 1. Ate and prayed 2. Shared 3. Gave*

**God wants us to work together.**