



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN COOPERATION AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Cooperation isn't always something that may happen naturally, but it is something that is near and dear to God's heart. Since the beginning of creation we see how God created us to be in community with one another. Cooperation is a spiritual concept that originates with God, and throughout the Bible, we see how God brought people together to accomplish God's plan for the world. When we work together, we reflect Jesus to others, and our love for one another can point people to Him as we explore what God wants us to do together.

WEEK
ONE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus and His Followers
Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; 6:12-16; 8:1-3

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants us to work together.

WEEK
TWO

BIBLE STORY

Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites
Exodus 17:8-13

BOTTOM LINE

Work together to help someone succeed.

WEEK
THREE

BIBLE STORY

Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls
Nehemiah 1-4; 6:15

BOTTOM LINE

Work together to solve problems.

WEEK
FOUR

BIBLE STORY

Four Friends Work Together
Luke 5:17-26

BOTTOM LINE

Work together to help someone.

WEEK
FIVE

BIBLE STORY

One Body, Many Parts
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

BOTTOM LINE

Work together to point people to Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

TWO PEOPLE ARE BETTER THAN ONE. THEY CAN HELP EACH OTHER IN EVERYTHING THEY DO.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9, NIRV

COOPERATION

WORKING TOGETHER TO DO MORE THAN YOU CAN DO ALONE



Upper Elementary Large Group

MARCH 2025

WEEK 1

Key Question:

When have you seen people work together? Whether it's at school, at home, in sports, or with a hobby, kids are constantly learning to work together and are watching other people learn how to work together, too. Seeing other people who have set a good (or bad) example of what it looks like to work together can inspire kids to want to work well together because they can do more than they can alone.

We start the month in **Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; 6:12-16; 8:1-3**. Here we see Jesus has started His ministry by gathering His disciples together. This was the most unlikely group of people, all from different backgrounds, but Jesus still called them to bring about His mission.

Bottom Line:

Jesus wants us to work together. Sometimes it may feel easier to work alone than with others, especially when you don't agree or get along. But those moments are exactly when we need to learn how to cooperate with others. Just as Jesus gathered a group of VERY different people to help Him accomplish His mission, we too are created to work together-- differences and all.

Bible Truth:

Jesus and His Followers

Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; 6:12-16, 8:1-3

MEMORY VERSE

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ECCLESIASTES 4:9, NIRV

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NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
 - The text in **red** indicates stage directions.
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Cast and Crew -- Week 1 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: **Welcome kids, get them excited**
2. Game Time: **Photo Capture**
3. Worship
4. Intro: **Cast and Crew**
5. Bible Lesson Video: **Jesus and His Followers**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Jesus wants us to work together.**
 - b. Monthly Virtue: **Cooperation -- Working together to do more than you can do alone**
 - c. Memory Verse: **Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. -- Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)**
 - d. Prayer
7. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



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WEEK 1

WELCOME 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today! It's always better when we're together! And you know what? God made us to be together! Think about something like a movie, or a stage show. When you're watching, you might see just a couple of the actors on screen . . . or maybe one or two people up on stage singing. But there are SO many others behind the scenes! You need a whole cast of people who are there to play their part. And you also need all the people running things like lights and sound, and a ton of other important jobs that we don't usually think about.

In a movie or a play, all of the people in the cast and crew come together to share a story. God made this world to work best when we come together, because everyone has a part to play, and I've got a fun game we can play that will help us practice doing that too.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Share campus-specific announcements. See your Kids Director for details)

GAME TIME

Show Slide: Photo Capture

First, we'll read one of these cards that will tell us a kind of scene to act out. Then we'll have some kids work together to create that scene—like a big group photo.

It'll look something like this! *(Strike a pose and freeze briefly)*

Meanwhile, one person will turn around, close their eyes, and cover their ears... and when we're ready and frozen in place, that person will turn around and try to guess what scene we're acting out. Make sense?

This will take a lot of cooperation, because we'll only have 30 seconds to work together and get in place. Some of you might play human characters, and some of you might need to act like an animal or an object, like a table or a tree. When the 30 seconds are up, everyone needs to be in their pose and freeze like we're in one big photo. We'll then invite our guesser back to see if they can guess what scene we're acting out.

Who wants to be our first guesser? *(Choose a volunteer to be the guesser and have them wear over-the-ear headphones and stand with their back toward the group)*

Now we need some other friends to act out the scene *(Choose 3-5 kids to act out the scenes)*

All right! Let's act out our first scene!

(Whisper the scene description from the card to the group, making sure the guesser can't hear you. Don't let the big group hear either so they don't give it away! After the guesser guesses, they can guess too)

Are you guys ready? Okay! 30 seconds on the clock... Let's go!

VIDEO: Countdown (30-second version)

Three . . . two . . . one . . . freeze!

AUDIO: Photo Capture Sound

Now let's bring [kid's name] back in so they can guess!

(To the guesser) "[Kid's name], can you guess what story you're seeing here in our photo?

(Let the guesser try to guess. Give hints if needed. Let the guesser have a change before letting the group guess. It's fine if they guess a general word [like "baseball"] But be sure to read the actual phrase on the card as well)

(Repeat the game with three rounds, if time allows)

Nice job acting out those scenes! It would have been impossible to do that with just one person. But when you all worked together, you were able to make those scenes happen! Now let's get on our feet and put our *voices* together as we worship God!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

I'm so excited for us to worship God together! We were made in God's image, made to work together as God's people. We're never alone, because God is with us, and God has put people in our lives who can help us. Let's sing and thank God for that! This is your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along to the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs)

Show Worship Song: Echo

Show Worship Song: Lions

Great work everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. You can have a seat.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Theme Graphic: Cast & Crew

Today's story comes from the Book of Luke in the Bible. (Hold up Bible) Luke is one of the books called the Gospels that tell stories from Jesus' life. It was written by a man named... you've got it! Luke! He wanted to write down the amazing things Jesus did and said. Let's check out our video to learn more!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 -12 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_So&SoShow

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Theme Graphic: Cast & Crew

We can look at the way Jesus chose His disciples and see how different they were. I'm sure there were lots of times when the Jesus' followers in the early church didn't completely agree with his choices or understand them. But His followers stayed united and strong because they believed that Jesus really was the Son of God! And so, they worked together to help spread the good news about Jesus to others.

As we follow Jesus, we find that He helps us love each other and understand each other better so that we can work together and be part of the work He's doing in the world!

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

Our **[Bottom Line]** this month is **“Jesus wants us to work together.”**

Say that with me! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

God designed us to work with each other. We're all part of the same body. We all have a purpose and a part to play. God made each of us unique so that when we work together, we can show a clear picture of what Jesus is like to the world around us. And that takes a lot of cooperation!

Show Graphic: WK1_Virtue

Cooperation is our **[Virtue]** for the month. It is about **working together to do more than you can do alone.**

You might not be sure about working with others because you feel like you don't have a lot to offer. Or you may feel like you're really good at something and don't need help from others. But the truth is, your gifts are needed and valuable, and you need other people's gifts too! We need each other, just like we need all the different parts of our body. It takes all of us together to point people to Jesus.

Let's read our **[Memory Verse]** for this month!

Show Verse: Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)

“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do..”
Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)

Let's say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Show Slide: WK 1 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **“When have you seen people work together?”** I’m guessing you’ve got lots of examples, and we can’t wait to get into our small groups to talk about it further. Before we head to our groups, let’s pray to thank God for Jesus and the example that His disciples have set for all of us.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for creating us to work together. We can see the way Jesus chose to involve others in the work He was doing in the world. We know that life is so much more fun and so much BETTER when we work well with others! But sometimes that can be tough for us to actually do. Please help each of us be patient and kind to each other so that we can cooperate. Help us to do more together than we could ever do alone. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)