



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 3

Key Question:

How has someone helped you solve problems? Some problems are just too big to solve alone. When you're growing up and learning how to tie your shoes, you need help. Same for when you're first learning math, trying something new, or helping at a clothing drive. As preteens answer this question, we hope they will reflect on the people who have helped them and why it was a help to them. Then they can go and be a help to someone else as well.

In week 3, we head to **Nehemiah 1–4; 6:15**, where Nehemiah and the Israelite people face a HUGE problem. They had returned home to Judah where the city walls had crumbled. Nehemiah rallied the people together and led them to work together to rebuild the wall in just 52 days!

Bottom Line:

Work together to solve problems. Have you ever been stumped by a problem and no matter how many times you faced it, couldn't figure out a way to solve it? Sometimes all it takes is another pair of eyes. When you work together with someone else, you can do BIG things, just like the people of Israel did in our story.

Bible Truth

Nehemiah rebuilds the walls

Nehemiah 1-4; 6:15

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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 3 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: **Directors Challenge**
3. Worship
4. Intro: **Cast and Crew**
5. Bible Lesson Video: **Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Work together to solve problems**
 - 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 of the hour



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OPENER 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today!

How's my cast and crew doing? It's been a great month as we've been finding out how God can help us work together. After all, everyone has a part to play! For today, I'm your director, [Host's name], and I'm here to lead you through a fun and exciting game.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GAME TIME

Just like on a movie set, we need everyone to play their part so we can accomplish a common goal! I call this game... **Director's Challenge!**

Show Slide: "DIRECTOR'S CHALLENGE"

Here's how this will work. I'll call out some directions-- you know, since I'm the director-- and I'll need all of you to follow those directions. Like Simon Says! Easy enough, right? Well, you know here at Flatirons Kids, we like to add a little extra challenge! As I call out the directions, you'll need to follow what I SAY, NOT what I DO.

Sometimes what I say will be the same thing as what I do. But when they're different, that's where the game gets interesting! In those cases, if you copy my actions instead of what I say, you'll have to sit down.

Your Small Group Leaders will be watching to see who's got it! We'll see how many of you are still standing at the end of my Director's Challenge!

And remember, you can cooperate and work together by watching each other. Just be careful, because if someone else does what I DO instead of what I SAY, then you might both be out!

(Lead the kids through the game using the printed Director's Challenge Sheet. Most of the time, do the same thing that you say. From time to time, say the directions under the "Say" column while you simultaneously do a different action in the "Do" column. Play until you've gone through all of the directions. Have leaders ask kids to sit down if they do the wrong thing. After the last round, congratulate any kids who are still standing)

Well, crew, that was quite a challenge! But you did a fantastic job following your director's orders! I saw you working together too, so that you could stay in the game! Now let's all stand up and put our voices together as we sing and worship God!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

I love worshipping God together! Right now, we have the opportunity to spend some time completely focused on God. Let's give God our very best worship as we lift our voices and sing and dance from our hearts. 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 Graphic: Cast & Crew

In the beginning, God created a beautiful, perfect world. (Hold up Bible) We can read about that all the way at the very beginning of the Bible, in Genesis. Even when people turned away, God had a plan to restore us so that we could have a relationship with Him. God chose one man, Abraham, and promised to bless the whole world through his family.

Sometimes that family, the Israelites, listened to God... but a lot of times they continued to break their promises to God. Eventually, the people were captured and taken to a foreign land. And that's where our story begins today. Let's check it out!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

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APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

Nehemiah and God's people rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem so the city could be safe and secure. They trusted God and chose to work together, and that's how they were able to finish the work God had for them to do. Here's what we need to remember today:

***[BOTTOM LINE]* Work together to solve problems.**

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

God can work through us when we work together. Nehemiah and the Israelites managed to build a wall around the whole city in less than two months! It just goes to show that God designed us to work together... to cooperate!

Show Graphic: Virtue

Remember, our ***[Virtue]*** this month is **cooperation** which means **working together to do more than you can do alone.**

Cooperating with others isn't always easy. But it's something God created us to do. Even Jesus, God's Son, chose to work together with others to do His work in the world. When you see a problem that you want to solve, ask God to give you the patience and courage you need to work with others to solve it.

Our **[Memory Verse]** for this month will help us remember this. It is **Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV)**.

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! (Read with leaders and kids)

Show Slide: WK 3 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **“How has someone helped you solve problems?”** When have people stepped into your life to offer a helping hand, some advice, or give you a plan to solve something you were going through? Before we head to groups and process these questions, let’s pray. Talking to God is ALWAYS a great first step!

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for making us to live in community. Thank You for giving each of us different strengths and gifts. The world would be so boring if we were all the same, and it would make solving problems extra-difficult. But we know that when we **[Bottom Line] work together to solve problems**, we can do more together than we could alone. Please give each of us in here the strength and humility to cooperate. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)