



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
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COOPERATION	WORKING TOGETHER TO DO MORE THAN YOU CAN DO ALONE
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Upper Elementary Large Group

MARCH 2025

WEEK 4

Key Question:

How can you work together to help someone? Kids are more aware than you may think. They notice things around them and ask great questions. As kids recognize those who are in need around them, you can begin to have discussions with them about what it looks like to help someone else. We hope this question gets preteens thinking about ways they can help meet someone else's needs by cooperating.

For week 4, we head to **Luke 5:17-26**. Here we encounter four friends and their cooperation to help another friend see Jesus. Their friend was paralyzed and could not walk, so they did everything they could to get him to Jesus-- even tear off a roof! Because of the four friends' faith and cooperation, Jesus did something incredible that changed the life of the man who was paralyzed forever.

Bottom Line:

Work together to help someone in need. Some needs may seem intimidating or too big for you to make a difference, and they very well could be if you tackle them alone! However, when you work together with other you have a better chance of making an impact.

Bible Truth

Four Friends Work Together

Luke 5:17-26

MEMORY VERSE

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COOPERATION

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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 4 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: Emoji Movie
3. Worship
4. Intro: **Cast and Crew**
5. Bible Lesson Video: **Four Friends Work Together**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Work together to help someone**
 - 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)

Hello, my friends! It's always great to be here with you at Flatirons Kids. We've been having a lot of fun this month seeing what happens when we work together. God *created* us to work together, because everyone has a part to play!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GAME TIME

Right now let's work together on the fun game! I'll show you some emojis on the screen and let's see if we can work together to figure out the movie titles.

Show Slides: Emoji Movies 1-9

Show each slide and give an opportunity to guess before showing the answer.

Great job! Now let's get ready to worship!

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

This is our chance to celebrate our Creator Who made us, as we sing together. Let's give God our praise right now. Here we go!

(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

I have a story for you today that's found in the Book of Luke in the Bible. (Hold up Bible) Luke is one of the Gospels-- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books tell all about the things Jesus said and did. Jesus was traveling around, teaching people about God and healing people who were sick. Let's check out our story!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_So&So_Show

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Graphic: Cast & Crew

Think about the way the four men worked together to help their friend. If even one of them had decided to leave without helping, the man probably wouldn't have gotten to Jesus. But the man did meet Jesus and because of his friends, he was healed!

Here's what we need to remember:

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

[Bottom line] Work together to help someone in need.

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

As we think about this story, it reminds us that we should cooperate and work together to make a difference. Cooperating to help meet people's needs is a great way that we can treat others the way we want to be treated. Imagine what would help you if you were in their situation, then do that! Just don't forget to invite others in to help you because when we work together, God can work through us all in a big, big way!

Show Graphic: Virtue

Say our *[Virtue]* with me! **Cooperation is about working together to do more than you can do alone.**

Let's practice our *[Memory Verse]* for this to remember the importance of cooperation. It is Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV).

Show Verse: Ecclesiastes 4:9(NirV)

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

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

Show Slide: WK 4 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **"How can you work together to help someone?"** Maybe you can pool some resources to pay for groceries for someone or invite a new friend to hang out with you at recess. If you're not sure how you'd answer the question, don't worry. You'll get all sorts of time to think it through with your group. I can't wait to hear about the ideas you come up with together! Before you head out, let's pray and thank God for giving us such great friends in his room to help us. Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for the way You've brought us together with the other people in this room, in our church, and in our community. You've created us to help each other. As we think about the story of the four men and their friend, it reminds us how much more we can accomplish when we work together. Please open our eyes to see the needs of others around us, and then show us how to come together to help our friends in need. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group (Dismiss kids to their small groups)