



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 5

Key Question:

What part can you play? The preteen years are the perfect time for kids to explore their role in the church — and we all have a role we can play! We hope to give preteens the chance to figure out how God has uniquely gifted them to help point their friends and family to Jesus.

We end the month in **1 Corinthians 12:12-27** with the early church. Arguments had broken out and sides were taken as the believers struggled to come together. Paul wrote to them, encouraging them to use their differences as they work together to tell others about Jesus because their gifts work best together.

Bottom Line:

Work together to point people to Jesus. When we work together, many people will have a chance to see Jesus' love in action. Accomplishing Jesus' mission for the world is a HUGE undertaking. However, when we practice working together, we can help others and show them Jesus along the way.

Bible Truth

One Body, Many Parts

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

MEMORY VERSE

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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 5 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: **Would you Rather- Movie Edition**
3. Worship
4. Intro: **Cast and Crew**
5. Bible Lesson Video: **One Body, Many Parts**
6. Application
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: **Work together to point people to Jesus**
 - 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



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WEEK 5

OPENER 3 minutes

(Welcome kids)

Hello, my friends! It's so great to see all of you! You are a key part of the fun we have around here, and it wouldn't be the same without each and every one of you! This month, we're finding out how each of us was made by God for a unique and special purpose and how we can use the gifts God gave us to make a difference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GAME TIME

Let's play on last game this month. Would You Rather: Movie Edition! You know what to do! We'll all start in the middle, then I'll read two choices out loud from the screen. Make your choice and move your body to that side of the room! Here we go!

Show Slides: Would You Rather 1-7

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

Today we're looking at a story from a book of the Bible called 1 Corinthians (Hold up Bible) This part of the Bible talks about the early days of the church . . . after Jesus died, came back to life, and then went back to heaven. In this book, the people in the early church started getting have some issues and Paul is writing this letter to them to remind them of what we have been talking about all month... they need to work together! Let's check out our story to learn more!

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

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APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Series Graphic: Cast & Crew

As followers of Jesus, we have an amazing job to do together. We can show people what Jesus is like and help them understand how much He loves each and every one of us. When we cooperate, we can be like one body -- the body of Christ -- all working together!

Here's what we need to remember:

Show Graphic: WK5_Bottom Line

[Bottom line] Work together to point people to Jesus.

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

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. That takes a lot of cooperation!

Show Graphic: Virtue

Cooperation 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 particular gifts are needed and valuable and you need other people because of their unique 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.

Maybe you have an older neighbor who can't get around. Your family could get different people in the neighborhood to help in different ways. Like bringing a meal or taking care of the yard or just sitting with them and praying for them.

Let's remember this by practicing our **[Memory Verse]** for this month. It is Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NirV). Let's say it together:

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)

Think about the way our church comes together. We need everyone from our pastor to our preschool teachers. Every person here plays a part as we try our best to point people to Jesus!

Show Slide: WK 5 KEY QUESTION

As you go to your groups today, think about this: **“How can helping people point them to Jesus?”** How can you use your words, the way you love others, and the wise choices you make with your life to point others to Jesus? And if you're not sure what that looks like for you, don't worry. You'll have a chance to chat all about this with your small group. Before you head out, how about we pray and thank God for inviting us and giving us a chance to make a difference right now? Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for creating us to live in community. We know that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what**, and that You made us to work together. We want to cooperate and work together to do more than any of us could do alone. We want to do that well so that our lives can point people to Jesus. Please give us the wisdom, patience, and love to work together in Your Name and shine Your light in this world. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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(Dismiss kids to their small groups)