



WEEK FIVE – MARCH 2025 – SECOND/THIRD

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)

Virtue: *Cooperation – Working together to do more than you can do alone*

Series Overview: 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.

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.

8:45 - 9:00 | 10:45 – 11:00 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Connection Centers

Connect: a time that invites kids to share with others and leaders

What You Need: Activity Bins + Coloring Sheets (find on your shelves in space)

What You Do:

- *PRE-CONNECTION TIME*
 - Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for the gifts and abilities that have been given to each child. Thank God for creating us to all work together. Ask God to help your few learn what their gifts are, see opportunities to use them, and encourage others to use their gifts to show the world God’s goodness and love.
- *DURING CONNECTION TIME*
 - Greet each child by name and with a high five or fist bump!
 - **Make sure to grab second sticker from the child + place it on your sticker sheet**
 - Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
 - Pull out your activity bins + set aside some coloring sheets for kids to partake in your small group space
 - Ask questions in order to connect with + get to know your few as you partake in activities alongside them...you can use these :
 - “What’s something nice you did for someone this past week?”
 - “What’s something that made you happy this week?”
 - “Can you tell me about something you are thankful for?”
 - “What’s your favorite thing to do with your family?”
 - “What’s the best part of your day when you are at school?”
 - “Who do you like to play with at home or school?”
- *AFTER CONNECTION TIME*

- *Use this time to review over how to be successful in small group time as well as Flatirons Kids by using the SG Structure 101 sheet featured on your activity shelf*
 - Go over each rule to create a great small group experience
- Transition into the Opening Small Group Activity

9:00 - 9:15 | 11:00 – 11:15 | OPENING SMALL GROUP

Opening Activity

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Bandanas; coloring sheets

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to form groups of two.
 - If there is an uneven number of kids, jump in to play!
- Give each pair a coloring sheet
- Use a bandana to tie two of the pair's arms together. (left hand/right hand)
- Challenge the pairs to put the puzzle together with their arms tied together.

What You Say:

“It was so fun watching you all work together! Was it harder or easier to do this game with a partner? *(Invite responses.)* Sometimes it might seem like cooperation makes things harder. But the truth is, we can do way more when we work together than we could ever do alone. **[Transition] Let's head to find out about a mission we have that requires A LOT of cooperation.**”

9:15 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP

Large Group Overview: 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.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP

A Purpose for Everything

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Butcher paper; thick marker; markers

What You Do:

- Place a large piece of butcher paper on a table or floor.
- Instruct the kids to gather around the paper.
- Explain to the kids that they will create a team drawing of a human body.
- Give each kid a marker.
- Start by drawing a large head using a thick marker, leaving space for the body, legs, and arms.
- Let the kids know you're drawing the head.
- Choose another body part and invite a kid to add it to the picture.
- After each addition, pause and ask:
 - “Can you imagine if we were just a(n) [name of the body part] walking around?”

- “What do you think a(n) [name of the body part] can do on its own without the other body parts?”
- Continue in this way until the entire body is drawn.
- Give the kids a few moments to add details, such as hair and clothing, to the drawing.

What You Say:

“That was so fun! This reminds me of what Paul wrote in our Bible Story. He told people that just like a body has many parts, we all have different strengths and jobs!

*“Hands, eyes, and feet can’t do everything on their own—it’s the same with us! We need to work together to show the world who Jesus is. When we help each other, we make a big difference. Sometimes we might not feel like we want to work with others, but we can show a clear picture of what Jesus is like when we do! So, let’s **[Bottom Line] work together to point people to Jesus.**”*

Build A Verse

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body.

What You Need: “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Page, and painter’s tape

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Use the painter’s tape to create two equal start lines and finish lines in your group area.
- Take the two stacks of cards from the “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Page and shuffle them, making sure to keep the stacks separate.
- Place each stack at the finish lines.
- Instruct the teams to stand behind their team’s starting line.
- Explain the rules:

- The first kid from each team runs to the stack at the finish line, draws one card, and brings it back to their team.
- The teams must work together to place the cards correctly in order to form Ecclesiastes 4:9.
- Teams can only grab a new card once everyone agrees on where it should go.
- After placing their card down, the next kid on the team runs to the finish line to get the next card.
- The game continues until the verse is complete.
- Once a team thinks their verse is correct, encourage them to say it together loudly.
- Declare a winner based on the team that says the verse correctly first.

What You Say:

“Great job! This game shows how working together makes things faster and more fun. If only one person tried to put the verse together, it would've taken a lot longer—and maybe even been mixed up! But when you worked as a team, you finished it quickly and got it right.”

*“God wants us to work together. We each have unique gifts and abilities, and God designed us to use them to help others! We can **[Bottom Line] work together to point people to Jesus** by helping someone in need, praying for a friend, and being kind. Let's keep looking for ways we can point others to Jesus and make a bigger difference when we team up!”*

Pray + Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Butcher paper; nametags; pens; and a black, permanent marker

What You Do:

- Write today's Bottom Line in the center of a large sheet of butcher paper with a black, permanent marker.
 - ***[Bottom Line]* Work together to point people to Jesus.**
- Instruct the kids to form a circle around the paper.
- Give each kid a pen and a blank nametag.
- Encourage the kids to take a few minutes to silently think about how they can use their strengths and talents to point others to Jesus.
 - Offer ideas like, praying, helping others when they're in need, sharing, making cards, etc.
- After reflecting, instruct the kids to write or draw on their nametag one or two ways they can point others to Jesus.
- When finished, show the kids how to peel the backings off their nametags and stick their nametags on the butcher paper.
- Encourage each kid to share what they wrote or drew as they do this.
- Close the group time in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, thank You for giving all of my friends here unique gifts and talents. We know that You want everyone to know about Your Son, Jesus. Help us to work together to point others to Him! Remind us that we are better together and that, as a team, we can do amazing things for You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the prayer poster they created and explain how everyone can work together by using their gifts and talents to point others to Jesus.