

# JAM SESSION

WEEK ONE

Day 1

## Read Exodus 39:42-43

Walk around your house and count all the doorknobs. How many did you find? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think the person who made those doorknobs has any idea how important they were to the team that built your house? Can you imagine your house without doorknobs?! You wouldn't be able to open the door to the bathroom, get out of your room in the morning, or lock your front door! And the doorknobs are just one example of all of the tiny pieces that had to come together to make your house safe and good to live in. An entire team of people had to work together and bring the talents and tools they have to get the job done.

You too will have chances to be a part of a team with a big task to complete. And just like God gave the Israelites the ideas, tools, and skills they needed to get the Tabernacle built, when you're part of a group, there are many people with many talents and abilities who need to work together. You just need to ask God for His help in completing the task, then jump in and do your part!

**THANK** God that He gives us all we need to work together.

## Day 2

### Read Philippians 2:2

Match the team below with a project they might work together to complete.

Baseball team  
Construction crew  
Movie crew  
Band  
Olympic team  
Design team  
Swim relay team  
Restaurant staff

Win the race  
Make great music  
Bring home the gold  
Win the game  
Build a house  
Serve customers good food  
Make a movie  
Decorate a room

Now along each line you drew to connect the team to the project, write what might happen if the team didn't have the same "spirit and purpose" as they worked. What is the worst thing that could happen?

Imagine how many games and races would be lost, how many bad movies would be made, how much disgusting food would be served, and how many falling-down, ugly houses might be built and not decorated if people didn't work together with the same goal. Thankfully God gives us the power to cooperate!

**ASK** God to help you and whatever teams you are a part of to work together and accomplish big things.

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Day 3

## Read Psalm 133:1

Have you ever been a part of a team or group that just couldn't get along? It makes it very hard to get anything accomplished and everyone is miserable ... kind of like trying to brush your teeth and eat food at the same time. Eating while brushing would defeat the point of brushing your teeth and your teeth never actually get clean! And it would make the food taste like toothpaste. Yuck!

But when everyone gets along, great things can be done. Even though you might not be good friends with everyone on your team, God can give you the ability to respect each other and treat others the way you want to be treated.

Ask a parent for a dry erase marker and write out Psalm 133:1 on your bathroom mirror (or write it out on a sheet of paper and tape it to your mirror). Now every time you brush your teeth, think about how important it is to cooperate with those around you. (And don't forget to rinse!)

**LOOK** for ways you can cooperate and encourage others to cooperate too.

## Day 4

### Read Ephesians 4:2-6

What is the name of your teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

If you play a sport, who is your coach or gym instructor? \_\_\_\_\_

If you play in a band or sing in a choir, who is your director? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your Small Group Leader at church? \_\_\_\_\_

What do all these people have in common? \_\_\_\_\_

They lead a group of people with very different skill levels and personalities to be the best that they can be. But did you know they're not REALLY the ones in charge? God is over everything! There's nothing He's not in charge of, and nothing He can't do. That means that He can give us the peace and unity we need to be put others first, to be gentle, to be patient and to be loving with everyone around us.

**KNOW** that God is in charge, and He makes cooperation possible.