

JAM SESSION

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Day 1

Read Exodus 17:12-13

Find a fairly heavy toy—not too heavy so you get hurt, but not light like a stuffed animal. Then get a timer or stopwatch, or ask a parent to time you while you hold up the toy for as long as you can. How long did you last? _____ Challenge your parent to see how long they can hold it up while you time them. It wasn't easy, was it? And not very exciting either ...

It must have been hard for Moses, Aaron, and Hur not to be fighting the battle with their fellow Israelites. All the action and excitement was happening down on the battlefield, and all they got to do was hold up Moses' arms all day long. But even though they weren't physically in the battle, those three men were just as important for the victory as if they'd been holding swords and shields. With God's help and support, they worked together to help the Israelites win—big time.

THANK God for those in your life who have worked together to help you succeed—like your parents!

Read Philippians 2:3-4

Day 2

What's your favorite song right now? _____

Who sings it? _____

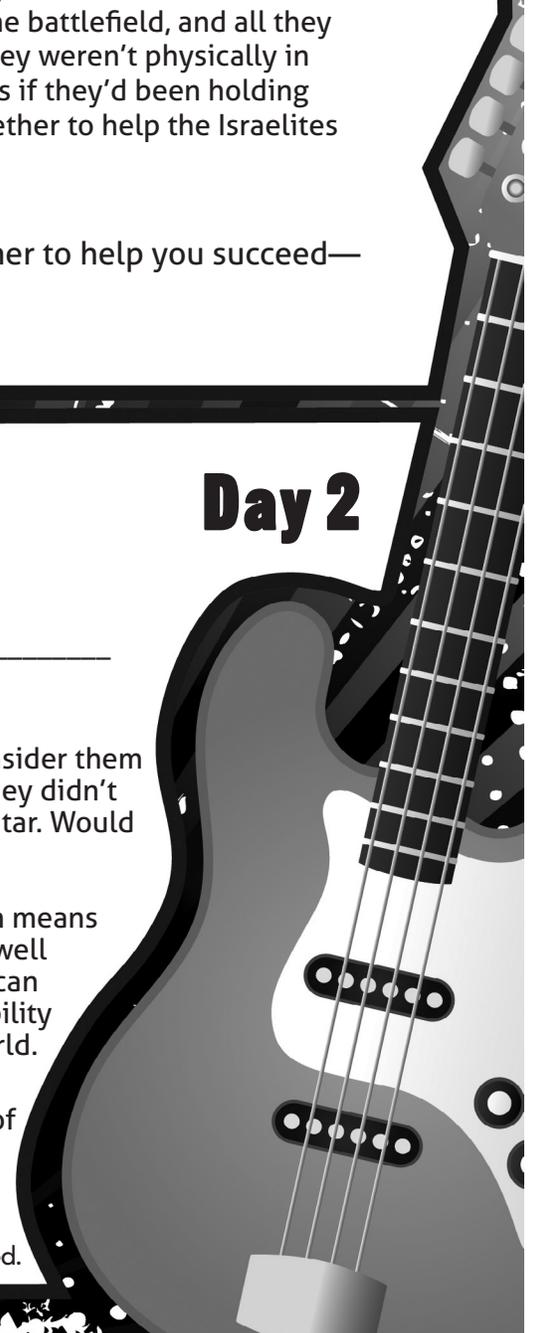
Can you name the rest of the people in that person's band? _____

Were you able to do it? yes or no

Most people probably wouldn't. We know the singer and sometimes consider them the "star." But imagine how most of the songs you like would sound if they didn't have amazing musicians backing up the singers with drums, piano or guitar. Would you want to go to a concert with just one singer and no one else?

The musicians in a band have learned something important: cooperation means working together to make someone else look good. When a band plays well together, it makes the singer sound even better. Without them, a singer can sound out of tune, get off rhythm, or even forget the words! The band's ability to cooperate lets them share their gifts with the rest of the listening world.

ASK God to help you lose your pride and look out for others instead of thinking you're a superstar that doesn't need anyone else.



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Read Ephesians 4:11-12

Grab your Legos® or another type of blocks. Get your mom, dad, or anyone else who's around to help you. Divide up the blocks between everyone playing with you. Now sit around and look at the great tower you built.

Oh wait, you didn't build anything, did you? If everyone just sits there and holds on to their own blocks, nothing gets built.

Have everyone build a tower together using their blocks. Build the tower as high as you can. NOW sit back and look at the great tower you built.

Did you know that God didn't give you gifts and talents for you to just hold on to them and not use them? God wants us to use our talents to help each other and bring attention to God, not ourselves. And when we put all of our gifts together, we help each other create something much greater than we ever could if we just held on to our gifts for ourselves.

LOOK for ways to be a part of the bigger story of God by sharing your gifts with others.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Day 4

Cut out the pieces below and put together the puzzle to discover a secret message.

Cooperation really is like a puzzle. It's all of us coming together with different pieces (gifts) that look really different, but fit together in a way that reveals something really amazing. Just one piece doesn't do much, but all the pieces together show us something that's good for all of us. And just like each puzzle piece looks different, you might look around and think that someone else's gift is better or easier. But each piece is equally important and is needed to complete the whole puzzle!

KNOW that your gift (your piece of the puzzle) is as equally important to the big picture (the big story God is telling) as others' pieces are.

