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Day 1

Read Nehemiah 6:15-16

Have you ever accomplished something so big while working with others that it was obvious God had made it possible? Maybe you've gone to serve others at a homeless shelter and made more sandwiches in an hour's time than seemed humanly possible! Or maybe you helped with a fundraiser for a friend who has cancer and you raised more money together than you ever thought you could. If you are facing a problem that seems overwhelming, ask God for help, and then enlist the help of those around you. After all ...

Unscramble the scrambled words.

Me = A **ITLELT** accomplished _____

Me + you = A **TLO** accomplished _____

Me + you + others + God = The **SPMBSELIOI** accomplished! _____

THANK God for accomplishing the impossible through cooperation.

ANSWERS: little, lot, impossible

Day 2

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ask your parent for a roll of Scotch® tape. Either tear or cut off six pieces of tape that are a few inches long. Take one piece of tape and tear it in half. Not always easy, but definitely doable, right? Now take two pieces of the tape and place them on top of each other. Now try to tear them in half. It's a little more challenging, isn't it? Lastly, put the remaining three pieces on top of each other and try to tear them in half. It's downright impossible!

That must be why God wants us to use our gifts and work together to accomplish greater things than we could accomplish on our own. He wants us to have other people to count on and help when things get tough (and they will!) God made us to work with Him and others, so that our power is multiplied and much stronger.

ASK God to help you learn to work well with others and with Him to do big things.

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Day 3

Read Philippians 2:13-15

Sometimes it feels like what we do isn't making a difference. Just watch the news for a few minutes and it's easy to think the world is all bad. But God's still at work in the world, and He invites us to be part of what He's doing to make things right. The Bible says we can be His light in a dark world.

Go to a room with lots of lights. (Make sure the curtains or the blinds are closed.) Turn out all the lights in the room and see how dark it is. Now start turning on all the lamps and lights one by one. The more lights there are, the brighter things look.

Arguing and quitting is like turning off a light, which only makes it darker. When we agree and keep going, it's like turning on and leaving on a light. We shine brighter when we work through the fighting and figure out what we agree on. If those of us who love God choose to work together, we can make a BIG difference!

LOOK for ways to be a peacemaker in the teams and groups you are a part of—to help people work through arguments and remember the bigger goal.

Read Matthew 18:19-20

Day 4

When you think about working together, you may not think about prayer. But coming together to pray for each other is a HUGE way we can cooperate! God promises us that He listens when we pray, and that when we pray together, He is there too.

What are some things you are praying about right now? Are there any things you are thankful for? Things you are worried about? Friends who need God's love? Write down a few of the things that came to mind that you want to talk to God about:

Now go find a parent, or an older brother or sister, and ask them to pray with you. Ask them what things they would like to pray about too. What's on their mind and heart? Then take a few minutes and "work together" in prayer.

KNOW that there's great power in praying together!

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