

WEEK I: Sweet Harmony for Divided Times

1 Corinthians 1:10 • 1 Corinthians 1:30 • Job 42:10

God wants us to work together, but sometimes all you want is to have things your way! When we disagree with each other, like whose turn it is to pick a movie or what to play at recess, it doesn't bring us close together. Sometimes when we disagree all the time, we lose friendships with others. When we work together, it makes it easier to spread God's love! We can work as a team to make the family of God bigger and stronger.

Question: Have you ever had a disagreement with someone? How did it end? Challenge: Pick someone to do this team building activity: Start sitting down with your backs touching and your elbows linked together. Now, work together to stand up! It takes some time to figure it out, but once you get the hang of it, try to do it faster!

WEEK 2: Run the Race to Win

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 • 1 Corinthians 10:24 • Psalm 9:1-2

When you play a game do you prefer to win or lose? We play to win! It feels good when we get the glory, but actually God wants all of our glory! Our prize for following God and believing in Jesus is eternal life with him in heaven. The best part is that everyone can win this prize, no matter who you are, God loves you!

Question: What was the last time you won something? Do you still have the prize? Challenge: Using craft supplies in your house, make a trophy or prize that can remind you of God's love and his promise that you get to see him in heaven one day!

WEEK 3: How to Find the Better Way

1 Corinthians 13:7 • 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 • Psalm 40:16

God makes each one of us special; there isn't anyone like you in the entire history of the world! God gave you special gifts to glorify him. This doesn't mean a present from God, like you would get on your birthday, but it's something special that God gave just to you. It may take some time to figure out what this special gift is & you may already be using it! That's why it's so important to build your relationship with God through church, HopeKids, VBS, reading the Bible & praying to him!

Question: What is the best gift you've ever gotten? Challenge: Write a list of things you enjoy doing when you praise God. It can be at home, at school, at church, or when you are by yourself. The list can be long or short. See if there is something in common with these ideas, like helping others or being creative. It's easy to praise God when we are doing exactly what he made us for!

WEEK 4: Right Place, Right Time!

2 Corinthians 5:20 • 2 Corinthians 1:4 • Psalm 62:1-2

God doesn't make mistakes. His plan for our lives is perfect even if we don't know what he is trying to teach us in the moment. Reading through this devotion right now, it's not an accident. He will use this teaching to remind you of his love & comfort so you may share it with someone else who needs to be reminded of how important and valued they are to God!

Question: What is something that brings you comfort or makes you feel safe? Challenge: Draw a cross outline on a piece of paper so there is space inside to write. Outside of the cross, write down words or feelings that are sad, mad or make you feel bad. Inside the cross, write things that make your life happy, thankful that make you feel glad. All the things inside the cross are parts of God's plan for you!

WEEK 5: Turn Your Pain into Gain!

2 Corinthians 12:9 • 2 Corinthians 7:10 • Psalm 86:11-13

There will be times in life when you feel like you can't do something, and that is when it's most important to listen to God! It may be something physical, or it could be emotionally or spiritually difficult to do. God has grace for the mistakes we make, and through that grace, he gives us strength to push through!

Question: What makes you feel strong? Challenge: Answer what you would do in these situations, then answer how God wants you to act:

- 1. In a restaurant, someone spills a drink on your lap right after you lost your soccer game.
- 2. Your friend dropped something, and everyone laughed and watched them try to pick it up.
- 3. Your mom or dad made a promise, but then a few days later forgot all about it.