

COOPERATION

Working together to do more than you can do alone

WEEK 1

K-1st

BOTTOM LINE: God wants us to work together.

Read | Peter 3:8

DAY

1

Work Together

We can always do more together than on our own. Think of people at home, school, or church that you can work with to help someone else. Some ideas could be: write and deliver cards to the elderly in your neighborhood or work with a sibling to keep your toys picked up. Write down some people you could cooperate with to make someone around you feel special below.

LOOK for ways to cooperate with people around you so you can show others that both you and God care for them.

DAY

2

Work Through the Words

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse, **1 Peter 3:8**. How can you love one another and be kind to others around you? Draw a picture of what that would look like to you. If you would like to extend this activity, write the verse out somewhere on your drawing.

KNOW that when we are understanding, loving, kind, and tender towards others we are showing them God's love.

DAY

3

Work Together in Prayer

Find someone to pray with. Ask God to give you the patience and the opportunities you need to cooperate with others. Take turns praying with your partner about the things and people you need to cooperate with. Switch after each person prays a sentence. Pray something like this (feel free to switch out underlined words with words that are true for you):

"Dear God, I want to be able to cooperate with others around me. Show me ways that I can work better with others instead of working alone. Lord, please help me be able to cooperate with my sister at home. Help me be able to work together with classmates when I am at school. Allow me to learn how to show others love when we work together. I love You, God. Amen"

KNOW that when we work together God does amazing things!

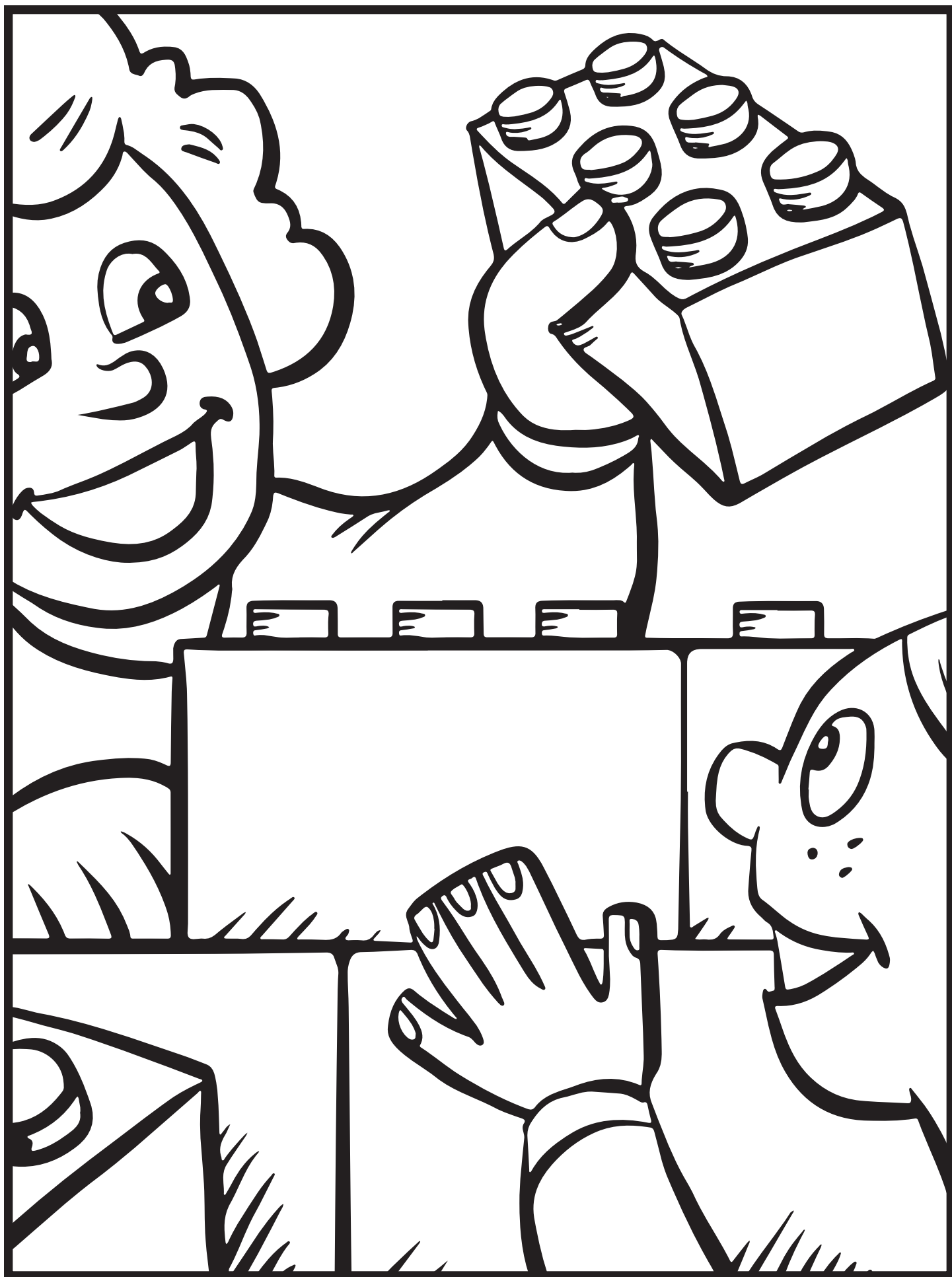
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Work in Action

At the beginning of this week, you wrote down some ideas of tasks to work on with a friend. Put your thoughts into action today (or at least set a date). Grab a friend, crafting supplies, baking supplies, or whatever you decided on and get started working together! Whatever you do, remember, you can always do more together than alone and, through all of this, you are showing God's love!

THANK God for giving you ideas and people to cooperate with to show others His love.



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WEEK **2**
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BOTTOM LINE: Work together to help someone succeed. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9

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1

Winning Wars Together

With the help of an adult look up **Exodus 17:8-13**. Read the story about how a group of men worked together to help the Israelite Army win the battle over the Amalekites.

After reading that story, do the activity below. Use the names in the word bank below to fill in all the blanks.

Moses Joshua Hurr Moses

_____ cooperated with God. _____ cooperated with Moses.

Aaron and _____ worked together and cooperated with _____ so that he Israelites could win the war!

THANK God for giving us examples of people working together in big ways!

DAY
2

Mirror Me

Grab a partner and play a game of "Mirror" to practice working together. One of you will be the leader and the other will be the "mirror." Stand face to face, a few feet apart. The lead will make a simple motion or gesture only using your upper body (like crossing your arms) and the mirror must make the exact same movement. Take a few turns each being the leader and the "mirror." Although this is a game, it helps us practice working together to succeed.

ASK God to help you work well together with others this week.

DAY
3

An Attitude of Gratitude

Talk with God today and thank Him for the people in your life that help you succeed. Pray something like this:

"Dear God, thank You so much for the people You put in my life to help me succeed in learning more about You. I am so grateful that I do not have to do this alone and I can work with others around me that will help me to grow. God, give me opportunities to show others that they do not have to do things alone either. Amen."

Now that you have prayed, think of someone that you can help. It might be a kid who is struggling at school or a sibling that is having a hard time with their homework. Talk with an adult on what you can do to be a blessing to someone tomorrow.

LOOK for ways that you can help those around you succeed through working together.

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Two > One

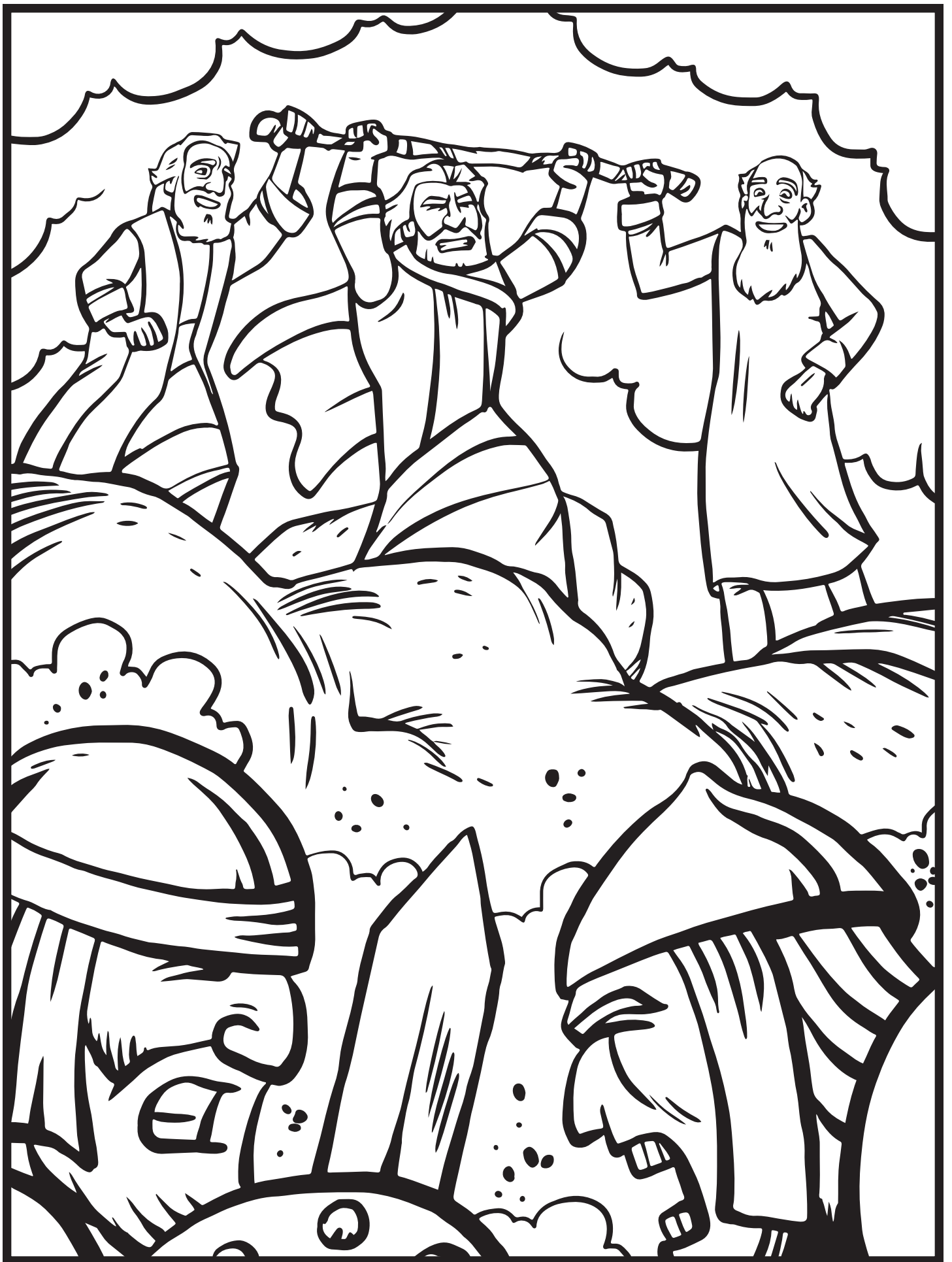
With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse, **Ecclesiastes 4:9** and read it together a few times. Circle the activities below that are better to do with two or more people.

Read
Playing catch
Climbing a tree
Cleaning up

Color
Ride a bike
Cooking
Playing tag

Remember how you feel when someone spends time helping you succeed.

KNOW that two are better than one and together you can succeed.



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WEEK **3**
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BOTTOM LINE: Work together to help someone in need. Read Galatians 6:2

DAY
1

Reaching Out

It is a great time to bless some other people in your town who are in need. Go online and look up some ideas you can do as a family to help others. Some things that might work for your family are: collecting canned goods for the local food pantry, making cards for the elderly in a nearby nursing home, or raking the leaves of your neighbor down the road. Whatever you choose, work together as a family, follow through and feel the love!

(Whatever you choose, please be sure to check with your chosen person/organization to make sure that your item(s) will be welcomed and useful.)

ASK God to help you show His love to others by what you do for them.

DAY
2

Heavy Load

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse, **Galatians 6:2**. Read through the verse a few times together. After reading, take turns acting out practical ways of carrying others burdens.

Have each person read the verse or have someone read it aloud to the group. Once everyone has heard it, take turns acting! Rather than acting out the words in the verse, create a skit that demonstrates how the memory verse might be applied to a real life situation.

For example: "Carry one another's heavy loads" could look like helping someone who is sad that they lost their favorite toy.

KNOW that God will always carry our heavy burdens.

DAY
3

Praying Together

Round up your family members and have a prayer time together. Use the "hand stack" activity to take turns praying. Have one person place their hand in the middle of the table, then have everyone else in the family place one hand on top to create a "stack" of hands. The person whose hand is at the base of the stack goes first, praying a single sentence prayer as they pull out their hand out and place it on top of the "hand stack." Then, the next person, whose hand is now on the bottom, prays as they pull their hand out and place it on top of the stack. When you sense it is time to stop, the adult (whose hand is on the bottom) raises up the pile of hands. That's the signal for everyone to say "Amen!" and high five the person next to them.

Examples of things you can pray for are: finding opportunities to help those around you, being able to work well with others, and asking that God will help you help others succeed.

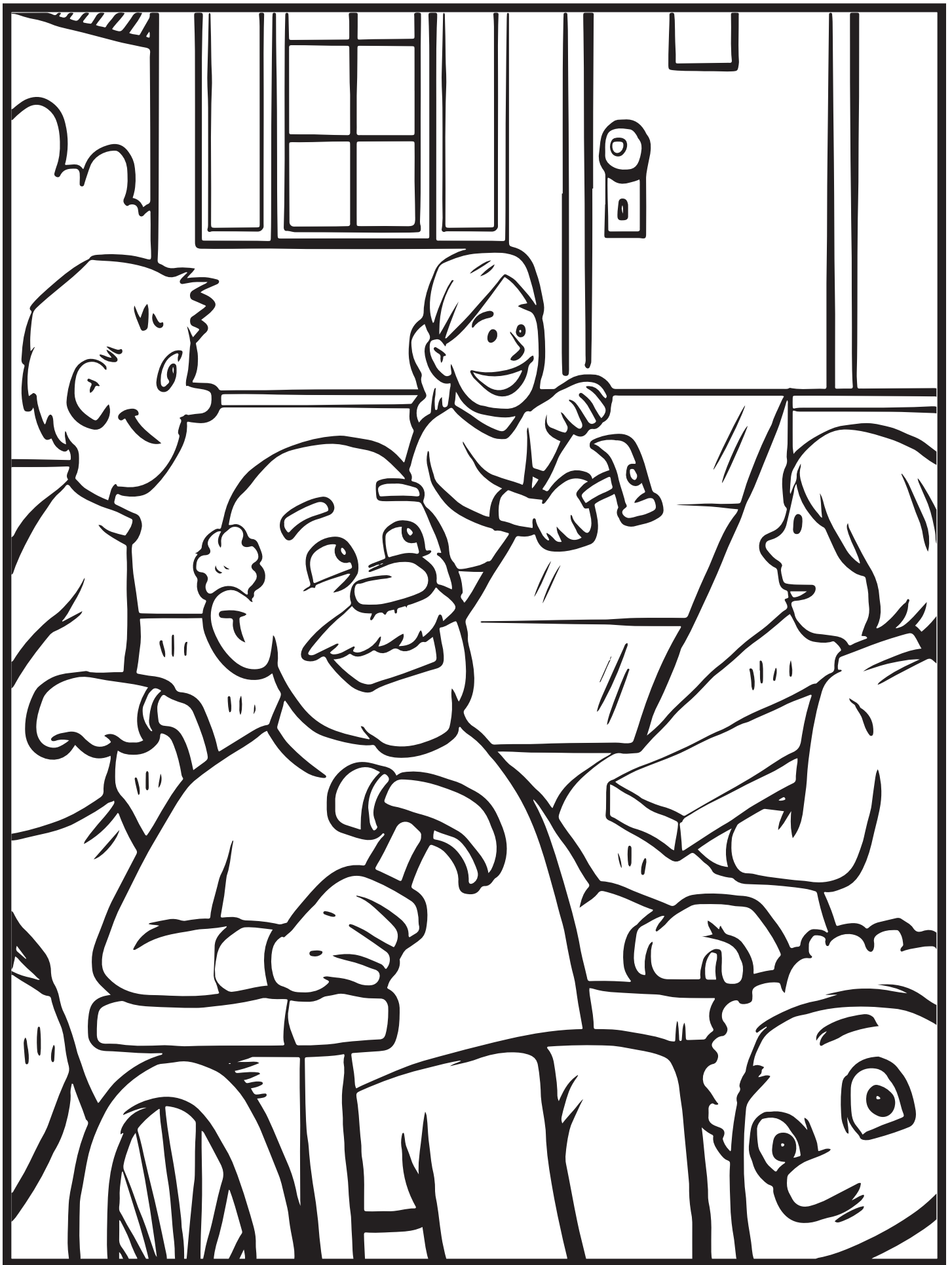
THANK God for carrying our burdens so we can help carry other's burdens.

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4

Game Night!

Grab some family members or friends and have a game night! Play some simple team games like: Charades or Pictionary. Divide into two teams, work together and have fun! You can go online for some fun Charades or Pictionary ideas or you can use some phrases from this month's memory verses or Bible stories!

LOOK for ways to work together with others to help those in need.



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4

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BOTTOM LINE: Work together to point others to Jesus.

Read 1 Peter 4:10

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1

Finding My Gifts

God created us all special and has given us each a special gift or talent that we can use to help others. Make a list or draw pictures of all the things you like to do! It could be singing, dancing, or drawing—whatever makes you special! Now, talk to God and thank Him for giving you these special talents that make you who you are! Ask Him to help you learn how to use your gifts. Pray something like this:

“Dear God, thank You for making me so special. God, please help me learn how to use my talents to help point others to You. Give me opportunities to show others how special they are because You made them! I love you, God. Amen”

THANK God for creating you with special gifts and talents.

DAY
2

Talent Show!

Today, use your gift to serve someone else. Do something to bring a smile to someone's face! Draw them a picture, put on a singing performance for your family, invite a friend over for a dance party in your living room! Whomever you are trying to bless with your talent, take a few moments during your time together and tell them why you are doing this. You can say something like; “Today, I drew you this picture because God gave me the love of drawing and I wanted to use it to make you smile!”

ASK God to help you use your talents to serve others well.

DAY
4

Special Design

God made you so special and there is no one in the whole world just like you. Grab something to draw with, paper, and a mirror. Now, draw a self-portrait. Look at yourself in the mirror from head to toe, what makes you special? Is it your hair or the shape of your nose? Whatever it is, add it into the picture of you! Across the top of your drawing write the words: “God Made Me Special.” Hang this on your bedroom or bathroom mirror to remind yourself how amazingly special you really are!

KNOW that God created you so special that there is no one else just like you.

DAY
3

Faithfully Serve

With the help of an adult, look up 1 Peter 4:10 and read through it a few times aloud. Now, since God gave us each a special talent, go ahead and use that skill to memorize scripture! If you like to sing, make the verse into a song. If you like to play basketball, bounce the ball each time you say a word. Whatever you choose to do, practice it often so you can share your verse with a friend this week.

LISTEN to God's Word and serve others faithfully with your gifts.

