

“Camp Wilderness” - LESSON 5

“It Takes A Team”

Main Focus:

We must work together to accomplish God’s plan.



Power Verse:

“We work together as partners who belong to God.”

– I Corinthians 3:9



Whatchagaddaknow:

“It Takes A Team To Win The Victory!”

LEADER’S INFO

Have you ever tried to win a tug-of-war match all by yourself? It doesn’t matter how strong you are...without a team pulling alongside you, you’re not going to last long. The same is true in the Family of God.

Working with others isn’t always easy. People have different ideas, personalities, and preferences. Sometimes Christians spend more energy arguing over who’s “right” than focusing on what God has called us to do. When that happens, the enemy doesn’t even have to fight us - because we’re too busy fighting each other.

In this lesson, kids will discover what it looks like to work together as a team from the story of Moses, Aaron, Hur, and Joshua. This is more than just a history lesson. It’s a challenge to every child: Don’t just watch the battle. Grab someone’s arms. Stand together. Win together!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Working Together”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Ranger Rick”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“We Knee(d) To Win”



Bible Story

“Moses’ Hands Are Held High”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“It Takes A Team”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 5 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 5 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 5 - Teaching” Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 5 - Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Ranger Rick” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “We Knee(d) To Win” Graphic

Bible Story

- “Lesson 5 - Bible Story” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 5 - Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Lesson 5 - Call To Action” Graphics
- A Football
- A Baseball

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 5 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Pictures
- Plastic Or Styrofoam Cups
- I Corinthians 3:9 Print Piece
- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! We are continuing our “Camp Wilderness” series! We are learning from the Israelites and their time in the Wilderness.

I’ve got a question for you. Have you ever tried to do something BIG all by yourself? Like putting together a huge Lego set, building a giant fort, or doing a massive jigsaw puzzle?

At first you think, “This will be easy!” But then you realize... it’s going to take forever if you’re the only one working on it. You’ve got to find the right pieces, hold things in place, and try not to knock over what you already built. It’s way faster - and way more fun - when you have a team helping you.

That’s how God designed His people to work. He doesn’t want us to try to do everything alone. He made us to work together, helping each other so His big plan can be finished. But what happens when someone thinks they don’t need others and can handle things on their own? I want you to watch this video to find out more...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 5”)

Leader: God didn’t design us to work alone. He designed us to work together, like one big team, to accomplish His plan. And when we do, it’s powerful!

Today, we’re going to hear about a time when Moses needed some major help to win a huge victory for God’s people. We are going to learn all about how important it is to work together as a team. But before we get to that, let’s find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Ranger Rick**” (*Dressed as a typical forest ranger, Ranger Rick is very confident in his ability to come in and save the day - even if it isn’t needed. He is very upbeat and animated, with lots of energy.*)

Rick: (*Enters confidently, holding a compass*) Aha! I have done it!

Leader: What have you done, Ranger Rick?

Rick: I have discovered the secret to victory in the wilderness!

Leader: (*Smiling*) Oh, really? Well, tell us! What’s the secret?

Rick: It’s simple, really. You just have to be able to survive anything that comes at you without any help. If you can handle everything alone, you’re set for success!

Leader: Uh, wouldn’t that be a little tricky? I mean, I can’t do everything alone. Sometimes I need other people to help me.

Rick: (*Nodding*) Exactly! Which is why I discovered the secret, and not you! Last night, I survived an entire night in the wilderness all alone. Not even my best squirrel friend was around to help me when I got my foot stuck in the zipper of my tent.

Leader: Well, I guess you got it out eventually?

Rick: Yep! And all by myself, too! When the zipper wouldn’t move, I covered my foot in honey that I had in my bag. It made my foot just slippery enough to slide through the hole. Of course, then the hungry bear appeared, but I outran him and ended up here!

Leader: (*Shocked*) You outran a bear?! How did you manage to do that?

Rick: With my legs, of course! Man, you really do need other people to help you out...

Leader: (*Laughs*) That’s not what I meant! I was talking about teamwork! You know, when you can’t reach the top shelf, you need someone taller than you to help you!

Rick: Nonsense! You just stretch reeeeeeeally hard until you get tall enough to reach it. That’s what I’ve done, at least!

Leader: I don’t think that’s how that works, Rick. Are you saying you never need help from other people?

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Rick: Of course not! What kind of a ranger would I be if I couldn't stop a forest fire all on my own?

Leader: Um, a normal one? The Bible tells us that we should be working together, just like Joshua needed help when he led the Israelites into battle.

Rick: *(Scratching his head)* Joshua? Wasn't he the guy who had a lot of walls?

Leader: *(Grinning)* I think you mean Jericho! Joshua had to team up with his army to win. He couldn't do it alone!

Rick: *(Confused)* So, you're saying I can't do everything on my own?

Leader: Exactly! It takes teamwork to accomplish victory.

Rick: But I've watched squirrels team up! One distracts the human while the other steals the snack! And don't even get me going about the possums! They aren't exactly working together for good!

Leader: Well, they might not be helpful to you, but they understand that working together helps them succeed!

Rick: So, if I want to win, I should ask for help instead of saying, "I've got this"?

Leader: Exactly! It's not just about being the best ranger; it's about being part of the team!

Rick: *(Excitedly)* Teamwork makes the dream work! I am Ranger Rick. Guardian of the Wilderness! Not alone though!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“We Knee(d) To Win”

Items Needed For Game:

None

Preparation:

Choose an equal number of boys and girls to play this game.

How To Play:

This is a relay race. The players will be on their knees the entire time. One at a time, the players will walk on their knees to a turnaround point of your choice. Once they have walked all the way to the turnaround point and back, they must tag the next person in line. The first team to have all players complete the task is declared the winning team!



Bible Story

“Moses’ Hands Are Held High”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 5; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in *Exodus 17*; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in Exodus chapter 17. We find the Israelites in a very difficult situation. They were in a battle against a mighty army, the Amalekites. Joshua was the general of the army. He led the Israelite army down into the valley and began to fight the Amalekites.

(*show pic*) Meanwhile, Moses went up to the top of a nearby hill. He stood there and held his arms in the air with the staff of the Lord in his hands. Why was he doing this? Was he trying to prove how strong he was? Of course not! Moses was praying for Joshua and the Israelites to win the battle.



As long as Moses held his arms in the air, Joshua and the Israelites were winning. (*show pic*) But, when Moses would lower his arms and stop praying, Joshua and Israelites would start to lose the battle. After a while, Moses’ arms started to get very tired. You can imagine how hard it was for an old man to hold that staff in the air for so long. The problem was, the moment Moses’ arms started to come down, the Israelites started losing the battle. It looked like it was over for the Israelites. After all, Moses’ arms were completely worn out.



But that’s when things started to turn around. Right when it seemed like it was all over, two men came alongside Moses to help. Their names were Aaron and Hur. (*show pic*) While Joshua was fighting the Amalekites and Moses was holding up his arms, praying, Aaron and Hur began holding up Moses’ arms as they started to drop. They held Moses’ arms up as he prayed all day long - until sunset. As a result, Joshua and the Israelites defeated the Amalekites and won the battle!



(*show pic*) The entire army celebrated this amazing victory! Now, I have a question. Who was most responsible for the victory? Was it Joshua because he was the one fighting? Or was it Moses because he was the one praying? Or was it Aaron and Hur because they were the ones holding up Moses’ arms as he prayed? The truth is - they ALL had a big part in the victory!

That’s what you are going to learn about in your lesson, today. You are going to learn that it is not about ONE person, but a team. We are all in this together, and we must work together as partners. Everything is better when we work as a team!



Call To Action “It Takes A Team”

Materials Needed:

The “Lesson 5 - Call To Action” graphics; a football; a baseball

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Lesson 5 - Call To Action - Title”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Can anyone tell me what this is? *(hold up the football)* It’s a football, very good. Now, I want you to imagine for a moment that you are playing football against a really good team. The problem is, you are THE ONLY person on your team. It’s you versus the other team. How well do you think you would do? *(allow response)* Not very well. Can you imagine trying to throw a pass to yourself in the end zone? That would not work.

How about this? *(hold up the baseball)* Can anyone tell me what this is? *(allow response)* Of course, it’s a baseball. Now, imagine if you tried to win a baseball game by yourself. Might not be too bad when you were the one batting, but can you imagine when you are in the outfield? You pitch it to the batter, who hits it way out in center field. Then, you have to run as fast as you can to pick up the ball and throw it to....no one. You end up running all the way back infield. By that time, the runner has rounded the bases and scored a run. This happens over and over and over. It’s impossible to win at baseball when you are playing by yourself against another team.

We laugh at this illustration, but sometimes Christians have the same crazy idea. They think they don’t need others in order to “win” in the “game of life.” The truth is - we need each other. The Bible talks about all Christians as being not only on the same team, but as one body.

Look at the person next to you. Do they have a head? Do they have eyes? Do they have a mouth? Now, look at the person on the other side of you. Do they have ears? Do they have a nose? Cool. A body has many different parts that all serve many different functions. The eyes can’t smell, but they can see. The nose can’t hear, but it can smell. Hands can’t hear, but they can touch. We all have different personalities and abilities, and we are not all alike. But, just like the parts of the body, we all do our part to work together for one purpose.

Now, what would happen if the hand got mad at the eye and decided it was going to fight against it. What if the hand decided it was going to cover up the eye so that it couldn’t see. What would happen? You’d probably fall down. You’d run into things. That wouldn’t make sense for the hand to fight with the eye. Well, in the same way it only hurts US when we, as Christians, don’t work together.

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Call To Action (Continued)

Our Bible Story today illustrates this so perfectly. Remember how the Israelites were fighting against the Amelekites? Joshua was leading the battle on the front lines. Moses was holding up his hands in prayer for them up on the mountain. Aaron and Hur were holding up Moses’ hands. You need to understand something...

By Himself, Joshua Couldn’t Win On The Battlefield (slide)



It wasn’t Joshua versus the Amelekite army. Joshua needed all of the Israelite soldiers to fight alongside him. He also needed Moses up on the mountainside to be praying for him. But...

By Himself, Moses Couldn’t Win On The Mountain (slide)



Moses was holding his hands up in prayer for Joshua and the Israelites. Joshua needed Moses to continue praying. But, do you remember what happened every time Moses’ arms lowered? When his arms lowered, the Israelites started losing. Moses needed to keep his arms in the air, but he was old and couldn’t keep them up. That’s why he needed Aaron and Hur. These two men held Moses’ arms up in the air so Joshua and the Israelites could continue winning the battle. They were very important, but...

By Themselves, Aaron And Hur Couldn’t Win The Battle (slide)



Aaron and Hur held up Moses’ arms, but without Moses they were just two guys standing on a mountain. Joshua needed Moses. Moses needed Aaron and Hur. The fact is, they all needed each other. No one person could get the job done by themselves. That teaches us...

TOGETHER, We Win The Victory (slide)



When we work together, we are stronger than we could ever be on our own. God never meant for His people to fight battles by themselves. He puts us in families, churches, and teams so we can hold each other up. When God’s people stand side by side, pray for each other, and do their part, the enemy doesn’t stand a chance. Together, we win the victory!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Have the children hold hands across the room. Have them pray with you that God would help all of us to work together to accomplish the BIG task of reaching the world for Jesus.



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 5 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “It Takes A Team To Win The Victory!”

2. What army were Joshua and the Israelites fighting?

Answer: The Amalekites

3. What did Moses hold in the air while he prayed?

Answer: His Staff

4. What happened if Moses dropped his arms?

Answer: The Israelites Started To Lose

5. How long did Aaron and Hur hold Moses’ arms up?

Answer: Until Sundown

6. According to our lesson today, “By Himself, Joshua Couldn’t _____ On The Battlefield.”

Answer: Win

7. According to our lesson today, “By Himself, Moses Couldn’t Win On The _____.”

Answer: Mountain

8. According to our lesson today, “By Themselves, _____ And _____ Couldn’t Win The Battle.”

Answer: Aaron; Hur

9. According to our lesson today, “_____ We Win The Victory!”

Answer: Together

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: I Corinthians 3:9