

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

HOW CAN WORKING WITH OTHERS MAKE YOU MORE CREATIVE?

Lined writing area for journaling.



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



Day 3

When it comes to doing a task, are you more of an independent worker, or do you like to be a part of a team?

Being independent is great! There are certainly some tasks that go better when one person owns the responsibility and sees it through.

But that's certainly not the case for everything, and many times, working with others can not only solve the main problem but can also have a positive impact on other areas and people! (Like how the paralyzed man was healed, but also the crowds saw Jesus perform a miracle and praised God.)

Think about some places in your life where you could benefit from inviting others in to help. Maybe there's someone among your friends who has a big need, and if you got others involved, it could make a big difference. Maybe your community has a problem, and you know it won't be fixed until people can come together.

Fill in the blanks to this prayer and then pray it out loud, asking God how you might be one part of a solution that brings people together to help!

"Dear God, I know that _____, and it's not something I can solve on my own. I need Your help: Your wisdom, courage and creativity. I also need others to help. Help me to reach out to _____, and please bring us together in cooperation so we can work together the way you created us to. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."



Day 4

The paralyzed man's friends used their arms and feet together to help their friend, but those aren't the only ways we can work together.

We can use our words together—spoken or written—to help others too. Who is someone you know who is going through a hard time? If you like to draw, make them a card.

Write a note of encouragement in the card. Then take the card around to others, and have them do the same. (Make sure you don't share any private information about the person who is going through the hard time . . . if their problem isn't common knowledge, you can just tell others the person needs prayers and encouragement.) Explain to your friends what you've learned about working with others this week.

After you've filled up the card with lots of encouragement, deliver it to your friend to show them how others have worked together to show how much they care!

Day 5

Have you ever seen a picture of the Great Barrier Reef? Grab a device now if you haven't and look one up. Isn't it beautiful?!

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven natural wonders of the world, but that number is a little misleading, because the reef isn't just one wonder, it's actually made up of over 2,900 individual reefs and each of those reefs are made up of millions (or billions?!) of coral and each of those coral are made up of hundreds (or thousands?!) of polyps. Polyps are actually living creatures, and when they come together to form coral, and those coral come together to form a reef, amazing things happen: larger marine animals have a safe place to live, to eat and to lay their eggs. Just one polyp can't do a whole lot of good, but get those polyps together and a lot of good things happen!

Remember that prayer you prayed earlier this week, about a problem that you know could benefit from working with others to solve? It's time to put some feet to the pavement and make it happen! Take some time to make a plan:

1. What is the problem?
2. Who is affected by the problem?
3. Who would be good at helping me solve the problem?

Now take your plan to everyone you wrote down for #3, and get to work coming up with a solution and putting it into action together!

You may just be one "polyp," but you're pretty powerful when you work with others. For more inspiration, see pages 120 and 121 in "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.

Day 2

Read Mark 2:1-5

Get two different colored pencils, pens, or markers and underline Mark 2:1-5 this way:

- ➔ Use one color for all of the obstacles the paralyzed man faced in this story.
- ➔ Use the other color for all the cooperation and creativity the man's friends used in getting him to Jesus.

Even though the man faced several obstacles in getting to Jesus: not being able to walk, Jesus being inside a house, and crowds blocking the way, the man had one thing going for him: friends who worked together to help him.

Now read verses 11 and 12 and see how this man's life was changed because his friends worked together. **And beyond that, everyone who saw the miracle Jesus performed that day was amazed and praised God!**