

Teamwork WORKS!

Every four years, the eyes of the world focus on the Olympic Games. Many of the Olympic sporting events depend upon a team working together to achieve success. The abilities of the individual team members are minimized, while their ability to function as a team is maximized!



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Love In Action

Since 1925, Southern Baptist churches have been on the same team—working together to do what a single church could not do. The Cooperative Program (CP) is the name of that team! By working together, Southern Baptist churches and their members can have a vital part in a God-given mission—to let every person in the world know the message of Jesus Christ!

But how much do the children in your church (and their parents) know about CP and the people it reaches?

This seven-week study is a fun, interactive way to help boys and girls learn that a part of their weekly offering, given to your church, helps reach people around the world with the good news of Jesus! It's about helping them learn about the mission and ministry of these entities:

- **Your state Baptist convention**
- **International Mission Board (IMB)**
- **North American Mission Board (NAMB)**
- **Our six Southern Baptist seminaries**
- **Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission**

When Can We Use This Study?

Since many churches dismiss their regular Wednesday evening and/or Sunday evening activities for the summer, **Teamwork Works!** could be the replacement program for the summer. The study consists of seven 60-minute sessions, which can easily be expanded to 90 minutes.

The study can also be used as a missions supplement for Awana or any time your church needs a Bible-oriented study for boys and girls.

Teamwork WORKS! is optimally designed for a seven-week study. However, since it is undated, it is flexible and adaptable to your schedule. The lessons are designed to be duplicated, so make as many copies as you need.

Planning for the Study:

The following suggestions will help you adapt Teamwork WORKS! for your church:

- Secure the approval of your pastor. Share the concept with him, the day and time you wish to use the material, and the approximate cost.
- Formulate a budget of anticipated expenses and have approved by the pastor or the person in your church who has that authority.
- Set a date, time, and place for the study, and obtain approval following your church's policies and procedures.
- Work with others who use the room(s) you will use to coordinate schedules and room assignments.

What needs to be done?
When does it need to be done?
Who is assigned to do it?

- Develop a simple planning calendar based on these three questions: What needs to be done? When does it need to be done? Who is assigned to do it?

- Follow-up for progress reports on assignments. Someone has said, "Never expect more than you can inspect!"

- Form a promotional team. Let them brainstorm ways to publicize the study in your church for maximum participation.

- Enlist workers. The weekly procedures are simple, but you will need responsible people to assist you. Draw from persons who currently work with children in your church. Older youth may be available to assist.
- Estimate the approximate weekly attendance as a guideline for enlisting workers, size of room(s), and purchasing supplies.
- Purchase resources and supplies. Before making a purchase, check to see if resources are already available at the church.

What Is the Target Age Group?

Depending on the number of children you anticipate, groupings can be as follows:

- Grades 1-5 (all children together in one group; older children can help younger children)
- Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-5



What Happens in a Typical Session?



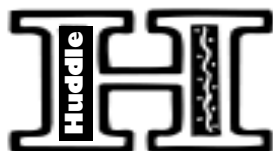
Warm Up (5-10 Minutes)

As the first child arrives, the Warm Up activity is designed to focus attention on the session.



Take the Challenge (10-15 Minutes)

This large-group learning activity contains the “meat” of the session as the adult leader introduces the children to the study.



Huddle (10-15 Minutes)

The children will gather around a table to work with a leader as they expand their knowledge of and interest in the study feature for the session.



We're a Team (10-15 Minutes)

A recreational activity is the feature of this segment. Activities are suggested in each session.



Finish Line (5-10 Minutes)

This time of closing focuses on the session emphasis with a brief review of what was learned.



Home Team (to be done at home)

This activity reinforces what was learned in the session and involves the parents in the learning process.



Celebrate!

Session 7 provides three different approaches to celebrating what the children have learned. Involve the children, parents, or the whole church family in this event.