

Learning Objective: To teach children the meaning and importance of cooperating to achieve a common goal

Skill: Social interaction

Ask the group, "What does it mean to cooperate with another person?"

Tell them:

When people cooperate, they work together toward a common goal or something they want to achieve. For example, they might cooperate to get a school project done, or to do something they enjoy in their free time together.

When you cooperate, you save time by putting your heads together. You can also have more fun, because you are interacting with someone and getting to know that person. In the end, when people cooperate, they usually both feel good about working together.

Encourage the group to think of situations when they had to cooperate with another person. Ask them:

- What are some ways you cooperate at school?
- What are some ways you cooperate at home?
- What are some ways you cooperate when you play a game or sport?
- What might happen if one person in a group didn't cooperate?
- What could you do if one person in a group didn't cooperate?

If time allows, divide the group into pairs. With a piece of rope, loosely tie the right ankle of one person in each pair to the left ankle of the other. Have them walk across the room together, reminding them that they have to cooperate to get to their goal.