

Day 2

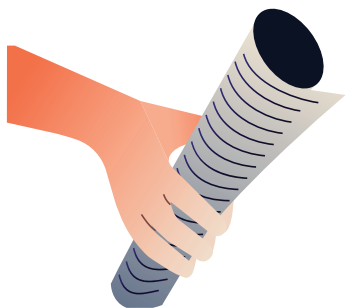
Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

Stand in front of a mirror (a full-length mirror, if you can). As you read 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 out loud, touch or point to the different body parts that the scripture mentions. When you read the word “foot,” bend over and point to your foot. Whenever you read the word “body,” make a giant sweeping circle with your hand in front of your body.

Now, try skimming the passage quickly and just picking out the body parts. Repeat pointing to the part, but this time as fast as you can. Then do it one more time, getting even faster if possible. It’s almost like a silly dance.



Can you imagine some of the crazy suggestions in the passage? Like if your foot or ear decided to take off? Or if your body was one giant eye? SO weird to think about, right? It’s just about as odd to think about trying to play all the parts and do all the things without the work of others. Everyone has a part to play, and things just work better when we play our part!



Day 3

One of the most important things we can do to cooperate is to point people to Jesus.

Invite a couple of friends or family members to join you in praying for cooperation among your family, friends, and church to point others to Jesus. Here’s one way you can set up the prayer.

Person 1: Thank God for the community of people who believe in Jesus who are around you. Pray specifically for different groups and different people who put their trust in Jesus.

Person 2: Pray for the people in your community who don’t know Jesus. Pray for specific people and groups who need to know about God’s love.

Person 3: Pray for unity and cooperation among the community of Jesus-followers so that you can work together to point others to Jesus. Ask for wisdom to be leaders and show others what it looks like to work together.

Day 4

Who in your life has worked with others to point you to Jesus?

Maybe your choir teachers at church or the people who lead your large and small group time. Or maybe your parents have worked together to teach you about Jesus, or a grandparent or other grownup in your life.

Take some time today to thank those people for how they have taught you about Jesus and showed you God’s love. Specifically, mention some of the ways you’ve seen them work together to point you to Jesus—including the way they treat each other.

Day 5

It’s finally here!

The time has come to put together all the different pieces of your Cooperation Challenge plan!

So far you have:

1. Established a time and place to meet
2. Made a list of big and little ways your family could work together to help others succeed
3. Made a list of problems you see and ways you could work together to solve that problem
4. Made a list of people around you who are in need and ideas of how you might work together to meet those needs

Together, look over your plan. Under each category, circle at least one thing that your family will commit to do in the coming weeks. (Feel free to choose more—or to set up a plan to do one or two a month until you’ve done them all!) If you need to add more details to your plan so that everyone knows exactly what they’ll be doing, flip the poster over and write down those steps. Give yourselves a deadline too, so that you’re sure to complete the task as a family. Talk about a way you can celebrate as you cooperate to solve problems, help others succeed, and help people in need.