

# Ultimate Teamwork

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for use as  
**STEP 1**

**Lesson 10****Focus:**

Praying together is powerful.

**Lesson 10****Bible Basis:**

2 Chronicles  
20:1-30

**Lesson 10****Memory Verse:**

“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”  
—Matthew 18:20

Students will watch a clip and discuss how Team USA prepared for the 2024 Olympic Games as they consider how teamwork in prayer is also valuable.

**Materials:**

- None

- **Would you rather: Do things alone or in a group? Explain.** (Answers will vary, be sure to include your own answer.)
- **What activities do you enjoy pursuing with a group? Why are those things more fun in a group?** (Answers may include: playing sports; putting on a play; slumber parties. Reasons why they are more fun may include that some things, such as a sports game, can't be played without multiple people; if no one else joined you at a slumber party, you would be sleeping alone as usual; etc.)

Over the past few weeks, you've probably heard a lot of reference to the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. While some of these sports, such as swimming, tend to focus on the individual athlete, many of the events focus on a team. You can invite students to share their favorite teams or events in the Olympics. In preparation for the Olympics, Team USA released the following promotional video. Team USA is the broad name for all the smaller teams competing for the USA in the 2024 Olympics—such as the swim team or gymnastics team. Let's take a look.

Please play this video clip [1:00].

Team USA, One For All

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHRQ7Ecu8N0>

Preparing for the Olympics isn't just about individual training, but rather getting ready mentally and physically as a team. Both the broader Team USA and the individual sports teams must work together to succeed, and all members must be in peak condition and ready to compete.

➤ **Especially in the team sports, what type of teamwork do you think is required for a team of athletes competing at such a high level?** (Answers: They have to work together; no one person can do it all; they have to do individual training; trusting each other; selflessness, etc.)

➤ **What other things can be accomplished when people work together for a common goal?** (Answers may include: raising money for charity, sending people to the international space station, discovering cures for diseases, etc.)

**Great things can be accomplished when we work together with others for a common cause. Men and women have founded countries with this mindset, defended countries in battle, and helped those in need—all by working together as one.**

**In today's lesson we're going to see what happens when teamwork is at its best. King Jehoshaphat and the city of Judah were in deep trouble and in need of a miracle. Was there anything the Israelite people could do together to stop their impending doom? Let's find out.**

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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**STEP 4** 

**Lesson 10****Focus:**

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20:1-30

**Lesson 10****Memory Verse:**

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**Materials:**

- Internet access
- Pens/pencils
- Paper

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

Earlier we saw what can happen when people come together to pray with hearts surrendered to God. Praying together is powerful. The Bible reminds us that when two or three come together, God is there with them. Read Matthew 18:20 aloud.

- **What are reasons you and your friends or family might come together to pray?** (Answers may include: Sickness; trouble with friendships; praising God; etc.)

People come together to pray for many reasons. Some may be in desperate need of God’s help and guidance like Jehoshaphat in today’s story. Others might come together to worship and praise God for who He is, and still others may pray together for God to be glorified in their schools and homes.

One of the reasons praying together is powerful is because you are united in a common goal. Just like the Team USA needed to be united in their desire to perform well at the Olympic Games, people who pray together are united in their desire to see God’s answer to a specific need. Instead of a lot of individual people each asking for something different (God hears those prayers, too!), He is particularly interested when there is a common focus and unity in His name.

You are never too young to begin praying with others. There are so many different groups of people in your lives who need prayer, many who are too afraid to ask for it or don’t know how to begin. Perhaps God is calling you to form a group in your neighborhood, school, or sports teams that could meet together to pray. As school gets ready to begin, this might be the perfect opportunity for you to start off the year shining God’s light on those around you.

➤ **What are ways you could get others together for a time of prayer?** (Answers may include: ask my aunt if she would pray with me after church on Sundays; have a neighborhood prayer club where we meet after school in my backyard to pray; get my friends together for a monthly sleepover to pray for our needs and encourage each other, etc.)

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). Ask preteens to brainstorm ways they can call together friends, neighbors, classmates, or family members to pray for their group's specific needs. Remind students that these groups don't have to have tons of people. Today's verse reminds us that when two or three come together in Jesus' name, He'll be with them. They might just want to ask their best friend to pray with them at recess once a week, or ask their mom to pray with them each morning on the way to school. That's okay, too!

As your students brainstorm, they should jot down the ideas they find that might be something they could do. Once they've created a list, students should put a star beside at least one idea they plan to begin working on this week. Under their list of ideas, students should write the steps they plan to take to get their prayer group together. Steps might include texting friends to see if they're interested in getting together to pray, picking a meeting place, asking permission to meet there, or praying for God's guidance.

Optional: If you feel comfortable, you can play this song as preteens are working [3:14].  
Tauren Wells – When We Pray (Official Lyric Video)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqicUCaa6ag>

➤ **What prayer group would you like to start? How do you plan to do so?** (Answers may include: My best friend and I can meet early at the school bus stop to pray each day; I'm going to start a prayer club at my school and meet in the cafeteria on Thursday's after school; I'm going to ask my dad if we can pray together before every soccer game, etc.)

**Prayer is powerful! God saved Jehoshaphat's kingdom because the people of Judah came together in fervent prayer. Their hearts desired God's help. Boy, did He answer them!**

**This week as you plan your prayer groups, know that God is with those that come together in His name. He will hear your prayers and answer them according to His will. By starting these prayer times together with your family and friends, you are shining God's light through the darkness of our world. God will use you to reach others for Christ, giving them hope and encouragement and allowing them to see how powerful our God is when we pray.**

Pray to close.

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