



# RIGHT TRACKS TOGETHER

## VALUES-BASED ASSEMBLY



### Aim

- To understand some of the benefits of working with others
- To consider ways we can work together better
- To learn of some the ways The Salvation Army works together with others helping people all around the world



### Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- 'Together' video
- Together sticker - three colours (optional)



### Bible verse

'Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together. If one person falls, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone when he falls. No one is there to help him.'

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 *ICB*)



### You will need:

- An even number of inflated balloons (eg four, six, eight)
- A timing device
- If using the Together sticker, insert the image into a sheet of circular sticker, labels then print



## INTRODUCTION

### Slide 1 - Balloon challenge

*Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.*

We are going to start with a challenge today, so I will need some volunteers. *Choose an even number of volunteers, the same number as the balloons. Ask the pupils to stand in pairs at the front and give each pupil a balloon.*

Your challenge is to stay where you are and both of you must keep a balloon balanced on your head for 30 seconds (*or less time if you wish*), but you cannot put your hand on your balloon. Each pair must keep the balloon up. *Use your timer to keep track of the time, and if anyone looks like they are doing too well, you may wish to make it harder by walking behind them, swooshing the air with your arms or blowing air at the balloons.*





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No success so far. Can anyone work out how they could win, staying at the front, and keeping a balloon balanced on their head without putting their hand on it?

*Take some suggestions. If no one has a workable answer, then repeat the criteria emphasising 'your own hand on it'.*

What if you put your hand on your partner's balloon? Would that work? *Ask the volunteers to face their partner and to hold their partner's balloon, as you swish your arms and blow.*

Well done! You did it! When we work together, we can achieve so much more!

## MAIN TALK



### Slide 2 - Working together

There are a lot of times in life when working together is very important. *Share the images and ask for examples of when working together is important. (The responses can be based on the images or not.)*

*Some examples: football, mountain climbing, dance, school work, tug-of-war, carrying a heavy load, crossing the road, maths/construction puzzle, large artwork.*

What are the benefits when you do things with a partner or a team? What are the advantages? *(New ideas; easier to do; someone can explain it / help you; it's done quicker; fun)*

What can be the problems when you do things on your own? What are the disadvantages? *(Not as much fun; can be harder or dangerous; takes longer; you can get stuck; lots of tidying up!)*

When you work with someone else, tasks can be more enjoyable and the results can be better. This is because you get to build on new ideas and learn from each other. Everyone has different skills and abilities that shine through when we work as a team.



### Slide 3 - Christian perspective

There is a Bible verse - a long Bible verse! - that reminds us of the importance of working together.





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We’ve all been there, left to do something all on our own that would have been much easier if someone had given us a helping hand.



## Slide 4 - Hand gesture

We’re going to learn a hand gesture about the first part of the Bible verse, the part about working together.

**‘Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together.’**

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*Read through the Bible verse again, teaching the pupils the following hand gestures:*

**Two people:** *hold up both index fingers, facing each other like two people.*

**Are better than one:** *thumbs up on both hands.*

**They get more done by working together:** *Make two fists and ‘build a tower’ by putting fists on top of each other.*

**If one person falls:** *top fist falls down, fingers wiggling while falling, and ‘lands’ open-handed.*

**The other:** *other hand goes underneath the first hand, also open-handed.*

**Can help him:** *cup the two hands together and put both thumbs up.*



## Slide 5 - Salvation Army perspective

The Salvation Army, as a Christian church and charity, knows the value of working together. Its mission, to love God and to love others, is only possible by working in partnership with people - people in the church, in the community, worldwide. For example:

- Many of our churches run foodbanks in partnership with other community groups.
- There are partnerships in schools, with lessons and assemblies, with clubs, support groups, or helping to support with clothing, uniforms or laptops.





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- There are community projects helping people who are lonely, are isolated or vulnerable - for example they may be older people, people who are disadvantaged due to learning challenges or are refugees.
- There are also projects to help with people who are in debt or struggling with addiction or have no home.
- The Salvation Army works in other countries with communities to help them out of poverty by learning better ways of farming, or how to start and develop their own business, or to build a cleaner water supply.
- The Salvation Army works in partnership with communities to prevent people being tricked into modern slavery and helping people to recover and rebuild their lives from this.

## REFLECTION



### Slide 6 - Reflection

What can we do to work together better? Do we give everyone a chance to share their ideas? Do we listen? What can we say or do that might help everyone we are working with have a chance to shine?

*Pause for a few moments for reflection.*

## SONG



### Slide 7 - Song

The Salvation Army has created a song to help us remember how important it to work together - and that we can have fun while doing it!

*Play the song 'Together' and encourage pupils to sing along.*



### Slide 8 - Goodbye

*Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.*

*You may wish to give pupils a sticker (or the sheets of stickers to each teacher) as they leave.*

*Play the song 'Together' as pupils leave.*

