

## Character – Lesson 20

### Corporate (Working Well with Others)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

#### **Lesson:**

**Verse:** “Love one another warmly in brotherly love; take the lead in showing honor one to another” (Romans 12:10).

*Alternate verse suggestions:* Ecclesiastes 4:9a “Two are better than one,...”  
Ecclesiastes 4:12b “...a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

**Focus:** To be corporate is to be someone who is able to work with others. A corporate person is not one who is selfish, always wanting things done their way.

**Practical Application:** If your family is deciding on where to go out for dinner, do you listen to all the suggestions or insist on your favorite restaurant? When you are in the children’s meeting, do you willingly sing the songs that others request or just your favorite ones? A corporate person is someone who can work with others and go along with their way. It may be helpful to bring some puzzles and ask the children to work together in teams. Some may work well with others; others may want to do the entire puzzle by themselves. Use this to illustrate what being corporate means.

#### **Bible Story Suggestions to Choose From:**

- (1) Sending disciples two by two.** When the Lord Jesus sent out disciples to different cities and places, He did not send them alone. He sent them out two by two. (Luke 10:1; Mark 6:7a)
- (2) Paralyzed man brought by four friends to the Lord.** In Mark chapter 2, the Lord Jesus was in a home, and so many people were gathered there. There was no more room to go in by the door. But there were four men that wanted to bring a paralyzed man (a man who cannot move or walk) to the Lord. They knew the Lord could heal the man, but they had no way of getting in! They worked together to think of a way. They removed the roof, and they dug through! Then they lowered the mat that the paralyzed man was lying on. The Lord Jesus healed him. The four friends had to agree and work together to get this done! One man could not have done it alone.

**Suggested Songs:** 1612 (Companions); 9029 – BSS Mark Song 10 (Jesus Is Here...We’d Better Take our Paralyzed Friend); 9529 – BSS Vessels Unto Honor - Song 9 (Pursue peace with all men); 5501 - BSS Matthew Vol. 1 Song 16 (Peacemakers)