



10: The Magic of Teamwork

*A PK-6 Lesson on Sharing Ideas, Helping Others,
and Working Toward a Common Goal*



Introduction for the Facilitator

This lesson introduces students to the professional skill of **teamwork**, which means working respectfully with others to achieve a shared goal. Teamwork teaches us how to listen, compromise, share leadership, and contribute to something greater than ourselves.

Everyday scenarios like a group project, a game at recess, or a classroom clean-up challenge give students a chance to practice being part of a team. Through this skill, students learn that **everyone has something to offer** and that our differences can actually make the team stronger.

Teamwork supports a student's **personal competitive advantage** by helping them grow as thoughtful collaborators and kind leaders—qualities that are valued in every future classroom, career, and community. And it builds the kind of **lifestyle** many students dream of, filled with belonging, connection, and shared success.

This lesson includes:

- A relatable Social Story
- 8 Group Discussion Questions with follow-up prompts
- 8 flexible Journal Prompts (draw or write)
- 10 team-centered classroom Activities
- A printable Worksheet for student reflection

Let's help students see that teamwork isn't just about getting things done. It's about learning how we do it together.



Social Story: *Lucia Finds Her Place on the Team*

Lucia was used to working by herself. She liked things to be done a certain way. So when her teacher announced a group project on building paper bridges, Lucia felt nervous.

Her group included David, who had big ideas; Lila, who liked to draw; and Jamal, who always cracked jokes. At first, everyone talked over each other. Lucia felt frustrated. "This is a mess," she whispered to herself.



But then, David said, "Let's listen to everyone's ideas before we choose one." Lila added, "And let's each take a job we're good at."

Lucia took a deep breath. "Okay," she said. "I can test the designs and help with measurements."

The group looked happy. They worked together, listened carefully, solved problems, and even laughed. In the end, their bridge was strong enough to hold 20 markers!

Lucia smiled. She didn't just build a bridge...she built trust. She realized that teamwork meant **sharing the load, listening to different ideas, and celebrating progress together.**

That day, teamwork became part of her **personal competitive advantage**. It helped her live the kind of **lifestyle** she wanted: collaborative, connected, and full of shared wins.



Group Discussion Questions

1. What does teamwork mean to you?

Follow-up: How does it feel when teamwork goes well?

2. What makes a team strong?

Follow-up: What are the ingredients of a great team?

3. What makes teamwork hard sometimes?

Follow-up: What helps teams keep going when they face challenges?

4. Why is it important to listen to everyone on the team?

Follow-up: How does including different ideas make the team stronger?

5. How can you help someone feel included in a group?

Follow-up: Why is that an important part of teamwork?

6. What's more important, winning or working well together? Why?

Follow-up: Can you think of a time when teamwork mattered more than the outcome?

7. How does teamwork help you build your personal competitive advantage?

Follow-up: What teamwork habit are you proud of?

8. What kind of lifestyle do you want to build?

Follow-up: How can teamwork help you live that kind of life?



Journal Prompts

(Students can write or draw their answers based on age and ability.)

1. **Draw or write about a time you worked on a team. What was your role?**
2. **What helps you stay calm and kind when your team disagrees?**
3. **Describe a time you helped someone on your team feel included.**
4. **What does your dream team look and sound like?**
5. **What's one way you like to help when working in a group?**
6. **If teamwork were your superpower, how would you use it?**
7. **How can teamwork help you grow your personal competitive advantage?**
8. **How does teamwork help you live the lifestyle you want?**



Activities

1. **Team Tower Challenge**
Small groups build the tallest tower using only a set amount of materials. Reflect on what helped their team work well.
2. **Job Jar Roles**
Each group draws job cards like “encourager,” “timekeeper,” “recorder,” “clean-up lead” to practice shared responsibility.
3. **Team Puzzle Race**
Teams must complete a puzzle, but only one person can touch the pieces at a time. Communication is key!
4. **Kindness Chain**
Each student adds a link to the class chain by naming something a teammate did well. Watch the chain grow!
5. **Silent Teamwork**
Students complete a group challenge (like arranging items in order) without speaking. Then discuss how nonverbal teamwork felt.
6. **Appreciation Circle**
Each student shares one thing they appreciated about a teammate after a group activity.
7. **Design a Dream Team Poster**
Groups draw and describe the perfect team using words like kind, fair, fun, honest, helpful.
8. **Team Goals Tracker**
Set a weekly teamwork goal (e.g., “Take turns” or “Use kind words”) and track how the class improves together.
9. **Obstacle Course Collaboration**
Students pair up to complete a mini obstacle course with one blindfolded and the other giving instructions. Switch and reflect!
10. **We Did It Wall**
Celebrate group projects with photos, drawings, or reflections on what made the teamwork a success.



My Teamwork Blueprint

Name: _____

Helpful Words:

- **Teamwork** = working together kindly to reach a shared goal
- **Lifestyle Goal** = the kind of life I want to live
- **Personal Competitive Advantage** = my special strengths and habits that help me grow

Directions:

Write or draw your answers. Great teams start with great teammates!

Use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

1. A time I worked on a team was:

2. My favorite way to help a team is by:

3. One teamwork habit I want to grow is:

4. Something I appreciate in a teammate is:

5. My Teamwork Superpower helps me do these things:

6. Teamwork helps me grow my personal competitive advantage by:

7. This is how teamwork helps me live the lifestyle I want: