



BRIGHT HORIZON ACADEMY

## Character Education

# All About Cooperation

## Why Is It Important?

Cooperation is an important skill that children will use throughout their lifetimes. Kids who cooperate get along better with others at home, at school, and with peers. Parents can help children cooperate by talking about, modeling, and encouraging this valuable skill. Teaching children how to cooperate early really sets them up for long-term success with friendships and more!

## Islamic Corner:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ ۚ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدُوانِ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٤٢﴾

Transliteration: wataAAawanoo AAala albirri waalitaqwa wala taAAawanoo AAala al-ithmi waalAAudwani waittaqoo Allaha inna Allaha shadeedu alAAiqabi

Translation: Cooperate in righteousness and piety, but not sin and aggression (5:2).

## Practice It!

Set up an obstacle course in your home or backyard. Take turns having one person blindfolded and the other leading the blindfolded person through the course. A fun way to practice teamwork and share success!

Send us pictures or videos of your obstacle course or of how you practice COOPERATION at [office@issdweb.org](mailto:office@issdweb.org).

## Praise It!

When parents pay attention to their child's cooperation skills, their child is more likely to use these skills again in the future. Parents can pay attention by using specific praise when their child cooperates. Examples are, "Nice job taking turns and cooperating with your sister" or "I really appreciate how you are working together to finish this puzzle with your friends." Remember, your child's cooperation skills do not have to be perfect before you provide some praise. Cooperation is a complex skill, so praising children's efforts along the way toward mastery can keep them growing and developing.

## Talk About It!

Here are some points to help you talk about cooperation with your child:

- What do you think teamwork means and why is it important?
- Tell me about a time you accomplished something with someone else's help. Would you have been successful alone?
- What is a way that you can work together with students in your class? People at home? On your sports team?
- What are 3 things that you think make it hard to work as a team and 3 things that make it easier?