



Together, We Can Make a Difference!

A CHILDREN'S MESSAGE for Pancake Day 2012

Use the example of **the four-hand seat carry** to demonstrate the concept that we can accomplish more together than we can do individually.

DEMONSTRATION

- Set up the situation and use dialogue like this:

Jackson has sprained his ankle and can't walk.

He needs to get to the back of the room where he can be attended to.

I wonder how we can get him there.

I don't think I can carry him. Could you? Or you?

Maybe if we work together we could do it.

- Demonstrate the four hand seat that rescuers sometimes use to help people.
- Let children (and adults) in pairs practice the hold.
- Choose a pair of fairly strong, reliable, similar sized children. Have them actually form a four-hand seat and carry Jackson to the back of the room.

ANALYSIS

- Ask children:

I wonder what we can learn from this.

BIBLE INPUT

- After their replies.

Let me read you something from the Bible:

- Have a child bring you your Bible, in which you have marked Luke 6:31.
- Read the verse: 'Treat others just as you want to be treated.' (CEV)
- Comment briefly on the verse:

For me, this means helping people when they need help. And, as we have discovered, that sometimes means working together to be helpful.



OPTIONAL PANCAKE DAY CONNECTION

- You may want to say a bit more about how people work together in UnitingCare to help people; and how Pancake Day is a fund-raiser for UnitingCare.

PRAYER

- Introduce the prayer.

Sometimes when we pray, we fold our hands. Today I'd like to make a four hand seat with a partner. That way you can carry your prayer together to God.

- Children and adults form four-hand seats.
- Speak the prayer:

Dear God, thank you for friends and family. Please help us to work together to help other people. Amen.

