



# 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.*

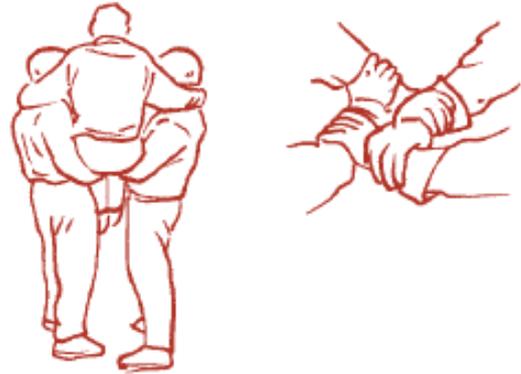
### BIBLE INPUT

- 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.*

