

Game: **Back-to-Back**

Discussion: Helping Others; Not being alone

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

YOU WILL NEED: *Several pencils and a phone book*

Back-to-Back

Have students get in pairs and sit back to back. Tell them to lock arms (at the elbow), push against each other's backs, and see if they can both stand up.

Have them find different partners and try it again several times.

SAY: In the game you and your partner had to work together to succeed. In life God has given you brothers and sisters in Christ to help you succeed in your Christian life.

Ask the students: **Who is your brother or sister in Christ?** (Everyone who has given their lives to Jesus is part of God's family are all brothers and sisters in Christ.)

Ask the students: **How can you help others to grow in their relationship with Jesus?**

(You can encourage them, be an example to them, correct them when they do something wrong, take them to church, etc.)

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Illustration—Pencil Break

Choose a volunteer—have him break a pencil.

Choose another volunteer—to try to break three or more pencils. Give a couple of students who have been listening and participating well a chance to try.

SAY: Just like the Bible said, two or three is stronger than just one. That's one reason God gave us each other—to help each other stand strong for Jesus.

Illustration—Phone Book Tear

Choose a volunteer—Ask him to try to tear a phone book in half. He can't do it because there are so many pages. Then tear out one page and ask him to tear it. It's easy because it's by itself.

SAY: When it comes to living for Jesus, you're not by yourself. Not only do you have Christian brothers and sisters to help you stand and live for Christ, but Jesus is with you also. You're never alone.

