

Illustration: **Not Alone**

Discussion: God has given you others and Himself to help you live and stand for Christ.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

YOU WILL NEED: Several pencils and a phone book

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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.

(Another great verse for this discussion is Matthew 28:18-20, commonly called the Great Commission. It ends by Jesus stating that He will always be with us. Also, consider the word "commission." The Bible doesn't use this word, but it's a great description of these verses. The "co-" implies that you are not on "mission" alone. Think about other "co-" words: co-ed, co-pilot, cooperative, etc. "Co-" means "together." We are on mission "together" with the Lord. In other words, you're NEVER alone.)