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# About Me

## Working Together

This is a picture of children working together.





































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# My Thoughts and Feelings

## Working Together

We did these things:	I felt like this:
 Cooperative Fruit Salad Activity	  
 About Me	  
 Drama	  
 Games	  
 Singing	  
 Making Music	  
 Arts and Crafts	  
 Books and Stories	  
This is how I felt about the whole meeting:	



## Dear parent:

In our meeting today, we focused on the theme of working together (cooperation). The purposes of our activities were to give the children a chance to work together and experience firsthand how it felt. All of the activities we worked on involved the children taking turns, sharing, and making decisions together. (See “What Children Need to Know About Cooperation.”)

In order to help your child with cooperation at home, there is a list of suggestions under “Helping Children Learn More About Working Together” for you to try. The important thing to remember about working together is that it involves a **common goal**. It isn't just doing what someone asks you to do.

Children this age get a great deal of information about themselves from the world around them. They take this information and start to form some ideas about their sense of good not only about themselves but about their abilities to enjoy other people's company. When they experience a lot of good feelings about their interactions with others, children are more likely to develop healthy, positive self-concepts. And that's what 4-H is all about!

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## What Children Need to Know About Cooperation

- Cooperation means people working together to get something done. This means they have a common goal.
- When people cooperate, they:
  - Listen to each other's ideas.
  - Take turns using things.
  - Take turns talking.
- Some things can be done better or more easily when people work together.
- Working together can make people feel good.
- Cooperating is a way for people to show they like each other.

## Helping Children Learn More About Working Together

- Involve your child in projects where the family is truly working toward a common goal, such as planning a picnic or washing the car for a family outing. Even though it might seem easier to do these jobs yourself, children enjoy being included and are generally more willing to support a project they have been a part of.
- To help children focus on the positive aspects of cooperating, point these out to children when they occur. For example, when you help your child make the bed or clean up a game, you can say, "Working together sure made that job easier!"
- Create opportunities for children to cooperate by assigning jobs on a partnership basis rather than to individuals. For example, you could assign the job of feeding the pets to two children and have them work out a way to do it together.

