

## **I RECOGNISE THE STRENGTHS OF MY FRIENDS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER**

A group of music students were talking together. The violinist proudly told the group, "I have such a big part to play in the song, unlike that flutist who has only one line in the whole song. Even if he is absent on our performance day, it will make no difference at all." The flutist overheard this conversation and was very hurt. He left and did not attend the rehearsal. At the rehearsal, they played the song again and again, but it did not sound right without that flutist. Finally, the teacher asked why the flutist was absent. The violinist apologized and said that it was his fault for thinking that the flutist was unimportant since he had just one line to play in the song and would have made no difference. He contacted the flutist, apologized to him and asked him to come back.

Yes, each person is of equal importance, whether you have a big or small part to play. At home you may be asked to pack the toys or wash the dishes. In school, you may be asked to wipe the tables, sweep the floor, or help the teacher to carry the books. Whatever roles/tasks we are given, they are equally important and necessary.

Everyone is important, every task assigned to us is equally important too. Let us collaborate with one another and recognise the strengths of our friends when we work together.

### **1 Corinthians 12:21, 25-26:**

**<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you!" <sup>25</sup> God wanted the different parts to care the same for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part of the body suffers, then all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part is honoured, then all the other parts share its honour.**

Let's pray.

Dear Lord, help us to be faithful in all that we are assigned to do. Help us not to despise others, thinking that we are more important than them. Help us to care for one another and to honour one another. Help us to collaborate with one another and to recognise the strengths of our friends when we work together. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.