



The threefold cord

AT A GLANCE

	Bible	Ecclesiastes 4:9–12
	Topic	Community carries us
	Takeaway	Sticking together as a group

 8 minutes

 Object: three thin strings

 Preparation: 5 min

 indoors or outdoors

 **Make it personal:** In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Community carries us". Real stories stick best.

How the devotion works

1 min	Opening Let someone break a single string. Then braid three together and try again.
2 min	Bible text Read Ecclesiastes 4:9–12: Two are better than one ... and a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.
3 min	Thought On our own we are vulnerable; together we can bear more. Many see the third strand as God, who holds a friendship or community together. Scouts know: at camp a good rope is worth its weight in gold – and so is a good group.
2 min	Conversation Who are the "strands" that hold you?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, thank you for the people who hold me. Be the third strand in our friendships. Amen.



To think further

- What weakens our group – and what strengthens it?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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