

IT TAKES TWO

A great partner makes any job easier.

A business requires many people to work together to be successful. Building good relationships and having first-rate partners is critical. As the *It Takes Two* webisode demonstrates, the owners of Freshly Squeezy Fruity and Dippy Dinky Dog combine their talents to build a stronger business when they become partners.



Teach kids that a great partner is key to success.

Ask kids: A partnership is when two or more people join forces to do something together. In a business partnership, those people typically own a company together. Partners often work as a team, each with their own strengths and talents. Can you name some examples of partners? Can you think of a time when you worked with a partner—perhaps on a school project or on a sports team? How did working with a partner make the job or activity easier?

Emphasize that our family members are our partners.

As Warren points out, it's important to build strong partnerships within our family. Talk about some ways you and your family members work together as partners.

Activities:

1. Create a Venn diagram to help your child learn about ways he or she is similar and different from you or another family member. Draw two circles that overlap. On one side, have your child write down some of his or her talents and interests. On the other side, you or a sibling should do the same. Compare the lists. Write anything in common in the middle section. Use the diagram to talk about how partners build on each other's strengths and talents. Discuss how our differences can sometimes be our greatest strengths.
2. Encourage your child to brainstorm jobs that can be done with a partner, such as a friend or a sibling. For instance, your child and a friend can do yard work in which one person rakes leaves into piles while the partner bags them. Or they can open a lemonade stand in which one person makes the drink and the other bakes cookies. Let them try out their business partnership to see how it works!

Tip: Send kids on a scavenger hunt with a partner. The activity will encourage them to work as a team to get the job done. Give them a list of items to find either around your house or in your neighborhood. Afterwards, talk to them about what it was like to work with a partner. What were some of the advantages?

