

The String Thing Story

What Can it Teach Us?

A Discussion Guide for Adult Groups

Use this optional questionnaire to facilitate a discussion with your team.

While the String Thing book was written for children, it has a profound adult cross-over message for any organization that seeks to create synergy from within their members.

1. What can we learn from the String Thing story?
2. What can we learn from King Tovardana?
3. What were the King's instructions to the children when he gave them each a roll of string?
4. What motivated Faith to step forward? What made her think she alone could save the person trapped in the Well?
5. What can we learn from her?
6. Why didn't Faith give up once she realized her string alone was inadequate?
7. Why do you think the little girl named Hope stepped forward to offer her assistance? What can we learn from this and how can it be applied to life in general?
8. Why didn't both children just give up when they realized their combined strings wouldn't work?
9. What happened next?
10. What do you think motivated Little Love to get involved?
11. What do you think it was like for the children as they frantically created the String Thing?
12. What kept them motivated even though the adults and others stood by with skepticism?
13. What do you think it was like for the children to realize they saved their king?
14. What lessons did they learn? What value did they internalize?
15. How do you think that day influenced the culture of the Kingdom of Niceria for generations?
16. What is meant by the phrase, *"The whole is stronger than the sum of its parts."*?
17. Synergy is the concept where the combined value and performance of two or more will be greater than the sum of the separate individual parts.
18. Whether you're an athletic team, a corporate salesforce, a factory, a small or large business, a classroom, or any other organization that is made up of members, the goal is always to create an environment where every member of your team is inspired and motivated to strive for peak performance.
19. Every teacher, coach, CEO, manager has this goal in mind. But what must happen to create synergy? What must happen to *"make the whole stronger than the sum of its parts"*?
20. How is this accomplished? Can it be accomplished? Can it be sustained? And what if it can?
21. What is meant by the phrase, *"The Deepest Need of the Human Soul is to be affirmed, validated and appreciated?"*
22. Do you believe this is true?
23. What could happen to your team if this could be accomplished with every member?
24. How would it change or improve the culture of your organization?
25. What specific things can you do to create this sort of synergy within your organization/team?
26. What does the following quote mean? *"When we work together to help others, we strengthen ourselves."*
27. What kinds of gifts do you think you have?
28. Have you ever used your gifts or talents to help someone?
29. Have you ever been a part of a String Thing group of people who worked together to help someone in need?
30. What ideas could you and your team come up with to create a String Thing group?
31. What will you think of the next time you see a tassel?
32. What was the instruction to the children when the King gave them their roll of string?