

BUILDING AS A TEAM

A CONSTRUCTION TEAM WAS WORKING ON A CORNER LOT IN TREVOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD. WHEN HIS FAMILY PASSED THE SITE ON THEIR WAY TO THE PARK, TREVOR ASKED HIS DAD ABOUT THE DIFFERENT VEHICLES AND THE JOBS THEY DID.



"BULLDOZERS ARE USED TO CLEAR AND LEVEL LAND WHERE A NEW BUILDING WILL BE BUILT," DAD EXPLAINED. "THIS IS NECESSARY BEFORE A SOLID FOUNDATION CAN BE LAID FOR THE HOUSE OR BUILDING." HIS DAD WENT ON TO EXPLAIN HOW THE OTHER VEHICLES WERE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

"DID YOU NOTICE THAT EACH OF THE VEHICLES AND PEOPLE ON THE JOB HAVE VERY SPECIFIC JOBS TO DO?" DAD ASKED. "THE DUMP TRUCK IS USED TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY DIRT AND RUBBLE, AND THE WORK IT DOES IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE WORK DONE BY THE CRANE."

"THAT CRANE CAN LIFT HEAVY THINGS," ERIN SAID.

"YES," DAD AGREED. "BUT JUST BECAUSE IT'S DOING A JOB THAT LOOKS MORE IMPORTANT, DOESN'T MEAN THE OTHER JOBS AREN'T AS IMPORTANT. IN FACT, THEY ARE SOMETIMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT."

"BUILDING A HOUSE REQUIRES MANY PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER. YOU NEED SOMEONE TO BUY THE BUILDING SUPPLIES AND TOOLS, SOMEONE TO ORGANIZE THE BUILDING CREW, SOMEONE TO LAY THE PIPES IN THE GROUND FOR WATER AND SEWAGE, SOMEONE TO LAY THE ROOFING, SOMEONE TO DRIVE THE VEHICLES, AND EVEN SOMEONE TO PAINT WALLS."

"WOW, THAT'S A LOT OF WORK!" TREVOR EXCLAIMED.

"IT IS! AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER AS A TEAM."



"CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF THE BUILDING CREW SPENT ALL THEIR TIME ARGUING AND DISAGREEING ON HOW TO BUILD THE HOUSE?" DAD ASKED.

"NOTHING WOULD GET BUILT," ERIN SAID.

"OR WORSE, THE JOB WOULD GET DONE, BUT IT WOULD BE DONE POORLY OR TAKE A VERY LONG TIME BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER," DAD ADDED. "THEN YOU WOULD HAVE A HOUSE THAT MIGHT NOT BE SAFE TO LIVE IN, AND ALL THE WORK AND EXPENSE WOULD BE WASTED."



"LEARNING TO WORK WELL WITH OTHERS IS VERY IMPORTANT," DAD EXPLAINED.

"WHEN YOU WORK IN TEAMWORK, IT MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO GET THINGS DONE. THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WON'T DISAGREE SOMETIMES, BUT YOU COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT HELPS EVERYONE WORK TOGETHER AND THAT WILL HAVE THE BEST OUTCOME."



Working together is important.

SOMETIMES THE HARDEST PART OF WORKING TOGETHER IS FINDING WAYS TO OVERCOME DISAGREEMENTS. IT TAKES PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER AND TO FIND A SOLUTION.

REMEMBER, IF YOU WANT SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY, THEN YOU NEED TO BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE TOO. AND IF YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME AGREEING, YOUR PARENTS OR A TEACHER CAN HELP YOU TO FIND A POSITIVE SOLUTION TOGETHER.

YOU WILL GET THE JOB DONE, AND BE HAPPIER IF YOU LEARN TO WORK WELL WITH OTHERS. CREATE, BUILD, AND WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

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