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But we soon realize in life, that we can't do it alone. We need to learn to work with people on school projects, sports teams, dance troops, in our homes, and in our careers.

Why shouldn't our homes be the place where kids get their first taste of what it means to work together?

COOPERATION CREATES MUTUAL OWNERSHIP.

When kids cooperate in basic upkeep around the house, it's not just the place they live, it's the place they help build. This could be as simple as letting them decorate their own rooms—choose the paint colors and the bed sheets. Sure, their style may not be your style, but allowing them the freedom to choose

how their room looks will influence how well they take care of their stuff.

COOPERATION OPENS NATURAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

When we give kids opportunities to cooperate, kids learn basic life skills that will prepare them to build their own life when it's time for them to leave the nest. For instance, when we invite our kids to cook meals with us, they're learning knife skills, cooking temperatures, and how to pair flavors together.

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Let's face it. We can't get through life on our own. We need people who we can trust to help us complete the tasks bigger than ourselves. We need people around us who excel in the areas we struggle. We need people. Our kids can learn about who they can trust and how to depend on others as they learn to cooperate in our family and in our homes.

As we help our kids participate in as many ways as they can through cooperation, they will begin to discover that building something with other people can be more fun and exciting than what they can build alone.

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