

# **National Junior High Sunday 2024**

*“Walk with me and work with me,” Matthew 11:29 & 30*

## **Invitation to Give**

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**Consider this:**

**What would baseball be like with only the pitcher?**

**Or if a construction crew only had a carpenter?**

**What if church was just the pastor or a choir member or an usher?**

**In today’s scripture, Jesus uses the image of yoked farm animals to help us understand how much we need him and how much we need one another. Two oxen are stronger than one. They are able to do more and go farther together. In the same way, my giving is made stronger by your giving. When we give together, our resources can do more and go farther together. The work of supporting our church, loving our neighbors, and following in Jesus’ footsteps takes all of us. When we walk and work together with Jesus the work is shared and all of our efforts are more fruitful.**

**A baseball game needs all of its players.**

**A construction crew needs more than just a carpenter.**

**And our community needs all of us showing up to give, serve, and worship together.**