

Work Together

Coach Talk:

Soccer is a team game, so it's very important that players learn to work together. No one player can do it all, it takes the whole team working together to win a soccer match. Think of **TEAM** as **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.

- What are some ways that you can work together as a team?

Story:

Maria loves to watch her favorite team, Barcelona play soccer. Barcelona is one of the best club soccer teams in the world. They play soccer in a very beautiful way. Often they passed the ball 25 or 30 times in a row before they ever attempt to score. Barcelona's approach is built on passing and working together as a team. No one player is more important than any other player. In the Barcelona system of play, every player touches the ball and has an important role to play. Barcelona wins because they play so well together as a team.

- Give an example of a way that Barcelona works together as a team.

Parents' Corner:

Soccer can be a great tool for teaching children to work together. Even the game's greatest players like Messi and Ronaldo rely heavily on their teammates to help create scoring opportunities. The more that players learn to work together with other players, the better the team becomes.