



WEEK FIVE – JUNE 2019 – SECOND/THIRD

Bible Story: *Kind & Generous • Luke 10:25–37*

Bottom Line: *Be kind to everyone.*

Memory Verse: *“The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.” Galatians 5:22–23a, NIV*

Life App: *What God is doing in you to change the world around you*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others like I want to be treated.*

Summary: We finish the month in Luke 10:25–37 and look at Jesus’ familiar parable of The Good Samaritan. Through this story, Jesus completely changed how people who follow Him should look at showing kindness to others. Kindness isn’t just for people we know or like, but it’s for everyone we meet.

EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Ball

What You Do:

- Ask:
 - What are some things that are hard for you to do?
 - What are some things that are easy for you?
 - What is something that used to be hard but isn't hard anymore?

2. My Name Is...

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Ball

What You Do:

- Lead kids to sit in a circle.
- Hand the ball to one kid. Guide her to roll it to another kid and say, "Hello, [kid's name], I'm glad you're here."
- That kid then rolls it to another kid and gives the same greeting.
- When every kid has received the ball, challenge kids to "rewind" and reverse the order. (If the ball traveled from Tallia to Harper, Sam, Charlie, Matthias, Jade, and finally Dalton; for the "rewind" round it would go from Dalton to Jade, Matthias, Charlie, Sam, Harper and finally to Tallia.)

What You Say:

"[Transition] In Large Group we'll hear about a man who needed much more than a BAND-AID. Let's go learn more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *Be kind to everyone.* *Everyone is someone who God loves. We pray that our kids start to realize that everyone deserves kindness. We'll help them discover simple ways they can put God's love into action with the way they are kind to people they meet.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Scrambled-Up Story

[Bible Story Review]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: “Scrambled Story Word Cards” (Activity Page), pencils

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to close and cover their eyes (no peeking!) as you hide the “Scramble Story Word Cards” around your small group area.
- Once all cards are hidden, ask the kids to open their eyes.
- Explain that you’ve hidden ten cards about today’s story around your small group space, and they need to find them.
- Instruct kids to stop looking once they’ve found a card, so that everyone has a chance to find one.
- Once found, they will need to unscramble the word(s) and write it on the back of their card.
 - *Answers: Jesus, neighbor, Jericho, thieves, hurt man, first guy, second guy, Samaritan, innkeeper, kindness*
- Review today’s story (using the paragraph below), allowing each child to hold up their card when they hear that word.

What You Say:

“I want you to hold up your word when you hear it. Ready? Let’s review!”

“JESUS often told stories to answer questions. When he was asked, “Who is my NEIGHBOR?” Jesus told the story about a man who traveled to JERICHO and was attacked by THIEVES on the road. They took everything, beat him up, and left him all alone. The FIRST GUY, a priest, saw the HURT MAN, but instead of showing KINDNESS and stopping to help, he crossed over to the other side of the road. Then a SECOND GUY, a church leader, saw the HURT MAN, but instead of showing KINDNESS and stopping to help, he also crossed over to the other side of the road. Finally, a SAMARITAN came by. He showed KINDNESS by stopping to help the HURT MAN. He bandaged up the man’s wounds and took him into town where he paid an INNKEEPER to care for the HURT MAN. The SAMARITAN understood just how important it was to [Bottom Line] be kind to everyone.

*“Great job! I love how Jesus told stories to teach us important lessons. In this story, the Samaritan was the LAST person the hurt man would have expected to help him. But he did. The Samaritan stopped. He chose to be kind first. And that’s what we need to do too. In every situation, no matter if we feel like it or not, we need to choose kindness first. Like that Samaritan, my challenge to you is to **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone.**”*

[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about a time when you were the recipient of a random act of kindness. Maybe the person in front of you paid for your coffee, or maybe someone shoveled your sidewalk in the middle of winter. Talk about how a small act of kindness helped you to choose kindness, too.)

2. Kill ‘Em With Kindness

[Application Activity]

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: “Kindness Scenario Strips” (Activity Page)

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to choose a partner.
- Give each pair a scenario strip.
- Pairs will read the scenario strip and plan a way to act out how to show kindness in that scenario with words or actions or both.
- Allow a few minutes for kids to plan, and then let the pairs read their scenario strip to the group and then act out their kindness scenario for everyone to see.

What You Say:

*“It looks like you know a LOT about kindness. I love how you demonstrated kindness with your words and actions. This week, I want you to think about being kind first! In every situation, let kindness take the lead. It doesn’t cost you anything to be kind, and it can certainly make a BIG difference. So let’s choose to **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone.**”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Gather the kids to sit together in a tight circle.
- Lead the kids in prayer, asking God for help so they can choose kindness first.

What You Say:

*“Heavenly Father, thank You so much for always treating us with kindness. When we’re tempted to talk back, respond with an unkind word, get our way, or make a point, help us lead with kindness first. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would remind us that kindness is always the best choice. We know we can only **[Bottom Line]** be kind to everyone with Your help. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”*

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to tell their parents about your challenge to choose kindness as their first response this week so they can **[Bottom Line]** be kind to everyone.