



WEEK FIVE – JUNE 2019 – KINDER/FIRST

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:

- 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. Be Kind

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: A box with a variety of items kids could use to help others

What You Do:

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible to Luke 10.
- Ask him to read verses 25–37 aloud.
- Ask, “How did the Samaritan help the man who was injured?” (He put oil on his wounds and bandaged him. He put him on his donkey and took him to a place where he could get well. He paid for someone to take care of him until he was better.)
- Tell kids that the Samaritan was the only one who had compassion for the injured man, and it was his compassion that led him to be kind.
- Briefly unpack that the Samaritan showed kindness by using oil and wine (which was medicine for wounds in Bible times), bandages, his donkey, his time, and his money.
- Show kids the box. Tell them that inside it are things THEY can use to show kindness to others.
- Play the music and begin passing the bag around the circle.
- At various times, stop the music and guide the child holding the bag to reach inside (no peeking!), pull out an item, and tell one way they could use that item to be kind to others.
- Invite volunteers to name other ways the item could be used to show kindness.
- Continue until kids draw every item from the box.

What You Say:

“In today’s Bible story, Jesus gave us two examples of what we can do when we see someone in need. Like the priest and the Levite, we can choose to keep going and do nothing. Or, like the Samaritan, we can have compassion and choose to show kindness. Which choice shows God’s love to others? Yes! When we take the time to [Bottom Line] be kind to everyone, we show them that God loves them and that they’re important to Him.”

*“So this week, be like the Samaritan and make the choice to stop and help others. You might help someone in the cafeteria, at the playground, in your family, in your neighborhood, or even at church. Whoever you help, remember to **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone.**”*

2. To Everyone

[Application Activity]

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: “Be Kind” cards (Activity Pages)

What You Do:

- Lead kids in a reverse variation of “Old Maid.”
- Guide kids to get into groups of four, but direct the whole group to play at the same time.

- Choose one child in each group to be the Dealer and give him or her a deck of cards.
- Lead the Dealer to deal all the cards face down. (You may need to demonstrate the act of dealing out cards.)
- Guide kids to sort their cards, being sure to keep them hidden.
- For any kids who already have pairs of cards, lead them to set the pairs face up in front of them.
- As kids discard their pairs, encourage them to brainstorm ways they could show kindness to the people pictured on the pairs.
- The child to the left of the Dealer then fans her cards and offers them facedown to the player on her left, who takes a random card.
- If he picks a card that matches one that he has, he puts down the pair and tells a way he could show kindness to the person (or people) pictured. If not, he keeps the card.
 - *NOTE: Be careful not to force a child to share. If a child is shy or reluctant, invite him to either whisper an answer in your ear or choose another child to answer for him.*
- Play continues clockwise until kids put down all the cards except the Samaritan card, which cannot be paired.
- The child left holding the Samaritan card wins.

What You Say:

“God wants us to treat others the way we want to be treated. In our Bible story today, how did the Samaritan treat the injured man the way he would want to be treated? (He stopped to help him. He treated his wounds. He made sure he was okay. He didn’t take care of him for just a little bit; he made sure that someone helped him until he was well.)

*“Kindness is treating others like they’re important to God. And with God’s help, we can **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone.** So this week, remember to treat others the way that you want to be treated, and remember 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: “Be Kind” cards from the “To Everyone” activity

What You Do:

- Invite each child to choose the “Be Kind” card of someone they’ll be kind to this week.
- Guide kids to hold the cards while you pray and then take the cards home as reminders to **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone.**

What You Say:

*“Ephesians 4:32 says: Be kind and tender to one another (NirV). God wants us to **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone** because when we’re kind to others, it shows them who God is and what He’s like. So let’s ask God to help us **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone**. Let’s pray.*

*“Dear God, You are SO kind to us. In your kindness and love You sent Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to live and to be our Savior and friend. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone**. Help us be kind to people we know and people we don’t know. Help us be kind to people who are like us and people who are different from us. Help us **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone**. We love You so much, Lord. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”*

As adults arrive to pick up, guide kids to tell their parents about the “Be Kind” card they chose. Also encourage kids to tell their parents today’s Bottom Line: **[Bottom Line] be kind to everyone**.