



WEEK FIVE – JUNE 2019 – PRETEEN

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

Key Question: *How can you be kind even when it's hard?*

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.

PRE–SERVICE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

1. Get Your Head in the Game

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Index Cards; Markers

What You Do:

- Give each student three index cards.
- Set markers within reach of everyone.
- Ask students to place their three cards in a vertical (up and down) row like three parts of a snowman.
- Instruct them to create a picture of an injured person who has been bandaged up drawing the head on the top card, the neck, arms and torso on the middle card, and the waist, legs, and feet on the bottom card.
- Tell them to make sure their drawing extends from the top edge of the card to the bottom so that the picture is seamless.
- When finished, invite everyone to share their pictures then exchange different sections with one another to create new combinations.

What You Say:

“Your drawings remind me of a story Jesus told about a man who was injured. He may not have been in as bad of shape as some of the people in your pictures, but he certainly needed help. [Transition] Let’s go to Large Group and hear how the story ended.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Key Question: *How can you be kind, even when it’s hard? Preteens are starting to experience friendships in a new way. They’re starting to realize that not everyone likes them, and they don’t necessarily like everyone either. This can be difficult for them to navigate, especially when it comes to showing kindness. We’ll help preteens discover how they can show kindness, no matter who needs it.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Take a Snapshot

[Application Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: “KindHeart” Activity Page, markers, pens

What You Do:

- Invite students to fill in the sections of the “KindHeart” activity page by creating an avatar named KindHeart who is the kindest person in the universe.
 - In their descriptions, instruct them to not use the words kind or nice as they do so.
- Suggest that they think about other people they know who are kind then combine those qualities with the things they know about God’s view of kindness as they describe a “super kind” person.

What You Say:

“Can you imagine if the world was filled with people as kind as a KindHeart? What a great place it would be. We might not be able to change the entire world by being kind to others, but we will absolutely make a difference in the lives of those we know. People who follow Jesus have the Holy Spirit to help them live like KindHeart—even when we’re around those who aren’t easy to like.”

2. Bible Story Extension

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Ask students to share what they remember about the following characters from Large Group about the story of the Good Samaritan.
- Refer to Luke 10:25–37 if students need help with the details of the story.
 - Traveler
 - Thief
 - Preacher
 - Worship Leader
 - Samaritan
- Challenge the group to create a pose or stance that represents each of the characters in the parable.
- Practice all of the poses until everyone is familiar with them.

- With everyone standing, invite one student to pose and call out the characters (in no particular order) as the others quickly take that stance.
 - The Caller will try to trick the others by calling out the name of a character but posing as one of the others.
 - If he catches someone doing an incorrect pose, he can switch places with that person.
- After the game, ask:
 - What motivates us to be kind to others when we probably won't get anything in return?
 - What does a modern day "Good Samaritan" do?

3. Discussion Questions

[Application Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask
 - Share about a time you (or someone you know) did something kind for a person you didn't like so much.
 - In general, when is it hardest to be kind?
 - Why do you think people are unkind?
 - Is it easier to be kind or unkind? Explain.
 - How would you describe an enemy? (No names)
 - When someone hurts you, what tends to be your first reaction?
 - Why do you think you react this way?
 - What would be a better reaction?
 - How can you begin to change the way you react?

4. Make It Personal With Prayer

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Encourage the group to share one challenge they took away from today's session.
- Ask:
 - How might your kindness change the life of someone who isn't kind?
 - How might practicing kindness change you?

- Invite a couple of students to pray aloud for the group by asking God to help them live out the challenges and applications they shared.

What You Say:

“Dear Jesus, you know what it’s like to be hurt, betrayed, ignored, made fun of and hated. In the face of all that, You always showed kindness. Help us to learn from You. Help us follow Your example this week and to treat others with kindness even when it’s hard. In Your name we pray, amen.”