

LARGE GROUP

K-3

# TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

#### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Humble and Kind** 

God Was Kind to Us Ephesians 4:32

#### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to others because God is kind to you.

#### **MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

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Colossians 3:12, NIrV

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

#### **BASIC TRUTH**

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

# PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

## **SMALL GROUP**

15 MIN

# **LARGE GROUP**

**35** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE KINDNESS
- Each grade challenges/encourages the others towards KINDNESS - share stories every week with your leaders of YOU showing kindness
- We will celebrate/show how much KINDNESS we can share this month by grade level

#### **WORSHIP:**

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- GOOD GRACE

#### **SMALL GROUP**

**25** 

K-6

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

**10 MINUTES** 

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

**SLIDE: THEME** 

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND

**VERSION**)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

## **OPENER**

**HOST:** "What's up, friends? My name is [your name], and I'm so excited to be here today! This month we're all Super Fans. We're cheering each other on and choosing to show kindness.

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"It's important for us to show kindness and [Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated. After all, God has been so kind to US! We can follow His example as we choose to show kindness to the people He's put in our lives.

"I thought we could kick things off today with a fun game. It's the perfect opportunity for us to show kindness as we cheer each other on. Are you up for it? (Pause for response.) Great!

"First, everyone get together with your small group and form a line across the room with your leader first in line—like this.

Walk to a small group and place the kids in a line, spaced apart from each other. Make sure that the Small Group Leader is the first person in line so they can direct their group during the game.





PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES 10 MINUTES

"Everyone spread out far enough so that you can't reach the person next to you in the line. Good work!

Note: If you have too many groups for all of them to participate in your Large Group space, you could choose three groups to play the game while everyone else cheers them on.

"I've got a ball for each group.

Give a football (or playground ball) to each leader. Walk alongside one of the groups as you explain how to play.

"The leader will toss it to the person next to them, who will pass it to the next person, and so on and so on, until the ball reaches the other end of the line. Then you'll pass the ball back the same way, from person to person, until it reaches your leader. Oh and one problem! You can't use your hands!

"If you drop the ball, pick it up and hold it while you count to three. (*Demonstrate.*) THEN you can continue. Once the ball makes it across the room and back three times, your group will sit down. Do you think we can ALL make it three times in three minutes? (*Pause for response.*) Are we ready to cheer each other on? (*Pause for response.*) Okay! Let's be Super Fans!

# **AUDIO: FUN MUSIC**

Set a timer on your phone for three minutes.

As the groups toss the ball, comment on the action. This game has no winner because everyone is working together, so keep encouraging the kids to cheer for each other.

If not all groups finish within three minutes, give them extra time and cheer for them until they do finish.

Collect the balls after the game. Provide sanitizer, hand wipes, or a hand washing station so everyone can clean their hands.

"That was really fun—and you were all really kind to each other! I loved hearing you cheer each other on. Let's all stand up so we can sing to God and thank Him for being so kind to us!"

## WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Hi, everyone! I'm so excited to sing with all of you. God showed us the greatest example of kindness when HE sent us Jesus. Jesus is better than ANYTHING! Let's praise Him together.

AUDIO: The Best Is Yet to Come

**AUDIO: Good Grace** 

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

**25 MINUTES** 

#### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

**STORYTELLER:** "It might not always be easy to show kindness to others. But it helps when we remember that our kindness comes from God in the first place. God showed us what true kindness is all about. We know that we're valuable to Him, because He loved us enough to send Jesus to be our Savior.

"Let's be willing to forgive and show kindness, because God has been so kind to us. Remember . . .

#### **SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

"Be kind to others because God is kind to you.

"So, remember how God has been kind to you. When you're having a hard time getting along with someone, make the first move. Choose to forgive. Choose to be kind when you COULD be unkind.

"Our memory verse for this month is Colossians 3:12. Check it out.

## SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient. Colossians 3:12, (NIrV)

"Did you catch that? It says to put on kindness just like you put on clothes! This week, when you're getting dressed in the morning—putting on your clothes—remember to put on kindness, too!

#### SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

"What does kindness look like? In other words, when have you seen it? What does it look like? How is it different than just being nice? How can you start to define kindness by what we have learned together today? You'll have a chance to brainstorm all sorts of ways to show kindness with your small group. Before you head out, let's pray and thank God for showing kindness to us, for sending Jesus, and forgiving us. Let's pray."

# **PRAY**

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for being so kind to us! Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and show us how we should live and treat other people. Please help us choose kindness, even when someone isn't being kind to US. Help us forgive others instead of trying to get even. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

**SLIDE: THEME** 

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP