TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Hey Brother

Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to people who are different from you.

MONTHLY 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

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 **SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction**

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

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:

- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO
- WAY MAKER

SMALL GROUP

25

HOME

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS

25 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

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LARGE GROUP

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: "Hi, everyone! I'm so glad you're here! All month at [your environment's name] we've been talking about 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

"God has shown so much kindness to US, and we can follow His example by showing kindness to others. We can cheer them on and encourage them—like Super Fans! We can show them how important they are by the way we speak and act.

"I was thinking about a group of Super Fans who show us amazing kindness. They're always there just to take care of people who get hurt or sick. Do you know who I'm talking about? (Pause.) Yep! You got it! I'm talking about all the doctors, nurses, medical professionals, and first responders. They show kindness by taking GREAT care of us!

"For our game today, you and your small group get to show kindness together by being a medical team! Each group will have a hurt person to take care of—your leader! Let's pretend that your leader is hurt and needs your help.



LARGE GROUP m K-6

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES 10 MINUTES

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.

"You'll line up as a group. Then you'll take turns running from behind this line (point to the starting line) all the way to your group's medical supply bucket on the other side of the room. You'll grab one thing from the bucket then run back to use it on your leader. Then the next person can run down and choose something else from the bucket, and so on.

(*Optional*) "Once you've used all the medical supplies, you'll need to use a wagon to get your leader over to the hospital on the other side of the room.

"Once you've used all the supplies to heal your leaders [once all the leaders have been taken to the 'hospital'], we all win!

"Okay, let's all line up and get started. Three, two, one, GO!

AUDIO: FUN MUSIC

Cheer for the groups and comment on the action. Offer to help as needed.

After all groups finish, provide sanitizer, hand wipes, or a hand washing station so everyone can clean their hands.

"That was really, really great! You took great care of your leaders. You showed amazing kindness. Let's all stand up now and sing to our God who always shows kindness to us!"

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, hello! I'm excited to sing with all of you today. Look around this room. Some of us are tall, and others are short. Some have freckles, and some have big muscles. Some of us are missing teeth or wear glasses. We are all different, and every single one of us was made in the image of God! Let's celebrate who God made us to be.

AUDIO: THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

AUDIO: WAY MAKER

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

25 MINUTES

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Remember how Jesus was telling this story to the law expert? When Jesus finished, He asked the expert a question.

Open the Bible to Luke 10:36-37 (NIrV) and read.

"'Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?' The [man] replied, 'The one who felt sorry for him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do as he did.'

"Jesus was trying to get the law expert to understand that EVERYONE is a neighbor, no matter how different they might be. Your neighbor is anyone who needs you to show them God's love.

"We can learn an important lesson from what Jesus taught that day.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"Be kind to people who are different from you.

"It's important to remember that we shouldn't just be kind to people who are like us . . . but also to people who are different from us. I think that's why Jesus chose the Samaritan as the hero in His story. He wanted us to understand that every person we meet is our neighbor. We should show kindness to others, no matter what.

"You can show how much you love God by the way you treat others. If there's someone who seems very different from you, you can make the first move to get to know them better. Ask questions to understand more about them. Show them that they matter to you.

COMMUNICATOR: "Today as you go to groups, think about this question:

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

"How can you be kind to people who are different from you? This is an important question. When we see how Jesus defines neighbor, the options are endless. Everyone is someone who God loves. How can we show them God's love with our kindness? This is a question you'll talk more about in Small Group. I have a feeling you'll come up with all sorts of incredible ways to who kindness to people in your life. Before we head out, let's pray and ask God to help us see the ways we can show His love to others. Let's pray."