



WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



*Before kids arrive, pray that you would have an amazing time with your kids today in Small Group. Ask God to show them ways that they can be kind to those around them that are sometimes difficult to love in that way.*

## JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** paper, markers, timer or mobile device

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Family Ties

Ruth and Boaz  
Ruth

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask: "Is it easy or hard to . . ."
  - Curl your tongue (or flip your tongue upside down)
  - Tie your shoe one handed
  - Write your name backwards
  - Hop up and down on one foot without stopping for a minute
  - Say the alphabet backwards
- Allow kids to try each of the challenges.
- If time allows, let kids come up with challenges for the group to label "easy" or "hard."

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

**When is it hard to be kind?**

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Colossians 3:12, NIV

## MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

## BASIC TRUTH

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**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



**OPENING ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids in a circle and instruct them to stand an arm's length from each other.
- Select one kid to be the "guesser."
- Tell the "guesser" to stand in the center of the circle and close his or her eyes.
- Select one kid in the circle to be the "leader," making sure the "guesser" doesn't see or hear who you picked.
- Once a "leader" has been selected, the "guesser" can open his or her eyes.
- Instruct everyone in the circle to swing their arms back and forth.
- The "leader" eventually does other movements and everyone in the circle mimics the leader's actions.
  - Potential motions for the leader could be: clapping, jumping up and down, a dance move, snapping fingers, spinning in circles, etc.
- Remind everyone in the circle to be careful to avoid prolonged eye contact with the "leader" so the leader's identity is not given away.
  - The goal is to mimic the "leader" without being too obvious who the "leader" is.
- Allow the "guesser" up to three guesses.
  - If the guess is incorrect, the round continues.
  - If the guess is correct, the "leader" becomes the new "guesser" for the next round.
  - If all three guesses are used up and the "leader" is not correctly identified, the round ends and a new leader and guesser are chosen.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Sometimes it was hard to follow the movement changes without being too obvious, but you did a great job hanging in there and following the leader."  
**[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear about a woman who showed kindness by following even when it was hard."**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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## TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Masking tape

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Create a line on the floor using masking tape.
- Tell kids to stand on the line an arm's length apart and face you.
- Read a scenario from the list below.
  - If kids think it's easy to be kind, they should jump in front of the line (towards you).
  - If it is hard to be kind, they jump behind the line (away from you)
  - If it is neither, they stay on the tape.
- Encourage kids to explain their responses for the questions by asking:
  - Why would it be hard to be kind?
  - For kids who stay on the tape, ask: why is it not one or the other, easy or hard? What would need to occur to make it easy to be kind?
- Scenarios:
  - You and your friend got "A"s on your spelling test. Easy or hard to be kind to your friend?
  - Your friend got an "A" and you got a "C." Easy or hard to be kind to your friend?
  - You got an "A" and your friend got a "C." Easy or hard to be kind to your friend?
  - Your mom grounded you and you think it is unfair. Easy or hard to be kind to your mom?
  - You are stuck at home and your younger brother keeps bothering you. Easy or hard to be kind to your brother?
  - You're in a bad mood and your family is trying to cheer you up, but you're still annoyed with everybody. Easy or hard to be kind to them?
  - You are having a great day! Easy or hard to be kind to the people around you?
  - What about when you are having a terrible, horrible, no good very bad day? Easy or hard to be kind to the people around you?
  - *Optional:* Encourage kids to come up scenarios to share with the group. Allow the group to respond if it would be easy or hard to show kindness.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- Is it easier or harder to be kind to your family versus your friends?
- Why is it sometimes a lot harder to be kind to the people we see all the time and easier to be kind to strangers or people we don't know very well?
- What are things we can do to help us to remember to show kindness to our family and friends?
- What can we do when we're in a bad mood and everything is just annoying? How can we successfully be kind in that situation?

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** half-sheets of cardstock, markers or pens

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give kidstime to write a short prayer to help them to help them to remember to be kind.
- For example:
  - God, I want to remember everyone is important to You and made in Your image. Help me to show kindness. (Genesis 1:27)
  - God, You are so kind to me. Help me show kindness to others. (Acts 14:17, Exodus 34:6)
  - God, Help me to speak kind words. (Proverbs 16:34)
- Allow kids to share their prayers with the group.
- Challenge kids to memorize their prayer and to recite it to themselves when they find it hard to show kindness.

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