

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose kindness.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN LUKE 10:25-37

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

JOHN 14:6, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you do everything?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can help me do everything.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

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.

LARGE GROUP

3-5 YEAR

STAGE

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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 Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive. Bubble Brick Road Full of Kindness What Do They Need?

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways "Love Like Jesus" and "Making Waves" Bible Story Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25 MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. Memory Verse with Motions Story Cups Kindness Cards Pin the Bandage on the Hurt Man Kind Is Cool Banner Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home Parent Cue Card (print or email) Parent Cue App





LARGE GROUP

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

NOTE: Kids and leaders will need a Heart Story Sticker from the "Heart Story Stickers" Activity Page to participate in the story. Consider handing these out as small groups enter the Large Group environment.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at John 14:6, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Love Like Jesus," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Love Like Jesus" is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "Making Waves," which is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, everyone! Guess what time it is? It's worship time! We show God our love when we sing and dance together. God LOVES us so much that He gave us Jesus to be the best friend ever. And because Jesus is the BEST, He will help us love others. When I ask, 'Who can help you do everything?', you say, 'Jesus can help me do everything.' Who can help you do everything?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus can help me do everything."

WORSHIP LEADER: "We have a new song this month all about loving like Jesus. Stand up and sing this with me."

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus," this month's worship song.

"That was so fun! I want to be a good, good, friend—just like Jesus! Jesus can help me do everything! Who can help you do everything?"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Jesus can help me do everything."

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! **Jesus can help me do everything!** The Bible teaches us that "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life." Let's learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, then you can do it with me!

"'Jesus answered, (hands by mouth) "I am (point up) the way and the truth and the life,"' (march) John 14:6. (Open hands like a book.)

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Have the children repeat the verse with the motions.

"Great job! We've been making waves ALL summer long. We can make waves and share God's love with others. Sing this out with me!

Lead children in singing "Making Waves."

"God loves you SO much that He sent Jesus. Jesus wants to be my friend forever! I had so much fun. Thanks for worshipping with me today!"

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Hands/Heart Stickers" Activity Page, Avery® #5294 labels or equivalent, small table, beach bucket, painted rocks from June (*heart, smiley face, teddy bear, clock*), rock, red and green paint pens, posterboard or other sturdy paper, several colors of bright washable paint (*include orange*), marker, paper plate, and hand wipes

Host enters wearing a hand/heart sticker in the middle of their shirt. They are carrying the "Kind Is Cool" poster.

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name]. Check out this awesome sign my friends and I are making!

Hold up the "Kind Is Cool" sign and point to the words as you ready them.

"It says, 'Kind is cool!' And all of my friends put their handprints on it.

Set down the sign and get the hand/heart painted rock out of the bucket then hold it up for the children to see.

"We got the idea from this fun rock we found hidden at the beach. Someone painted hands with a heart. For kindness. When we hang up this sign, it will remind us to be kind, too!

Lay the rock on the table with the hand/heart facing the children and pick up the poster again.

"Now, I just need to put my handprint on the sign. Hmm.

Look around then see the orange paint.

"Orange paint! Perfect! I'll just lay the sign on the floor like this (*Lay sign on the floor.*). And squeeze some orange paint on a plate like this. (*Squeeze paint on the plate.*) Then put my hand in the paint like this. (*Put your hand in the paint then hold it up.*) There! Now I can put my handprint on the sign.

Place your handprint on the poster.

"Just right! (Get a wipe and clean your hand as you continue.) There are so many ways we can use our hands to be kind. We can use our hands to . . . clap for our friends. (Clap.) Everyone, clap with me and say, 'Yay friends!'"



HOST AND CHILDREN: (*clapping*) "Yay, friends!"

HOST: "We can use our hands to hug. Everyone, give yourself a really big hug! (*Demonstrate.*) Oh, and we can use our hands to help! Like I'm going to use my hands to help by hanging our new 'Kind is cool' sign.

Pick up the sign and look around.

"I wonder where we should hang our sign. I want us all to remember to use our hands to be kind. I'll lay the sign in the back so the paint can dry while I think about where to hang it. See you later! Bye!"

Host exits with the sign, paint, wipes, and paper plate, leaving the beach bucket of rocks and the hand/heart rock behind.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, hands/heart sticker for Storyteller, table from Intro Sketch, one toy man figure, and three different kinds of hats; *Optional Story Images*

Storyteller enters with a hands/heart sticker on their shirt, carrying a Bible, a toy man figure, and the three hats. They lay the hats and toy man figure on the table.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name]. I love that [Host's name] is making a 'Kind is cool' sign because kindness is what our Bible story is about today! Are you ready to play our sticker game? (*Pause.*) Every time I say a special word, we'll all point to our stickers.

"Today, we're wearing hands with a heart stickers (*point to hands/heart sticker*), and our special word is KINDNESS. So, every time I say, 'KINDNESS,' I want us to point to our hands/heart stickers. (*Point to hands/heart sticker.*) Ready? Here we go!

"Our true story from the Bible (Open the Bible and lay it on the table.) . . . is about a man who chose KINDNESS. (Point to sticker.) But our story begins with another man. (Hold up toy man figure.) This man was walking down a road one day, on his way to the city of Jericho.

Make the toy man "walk" in front of the children.

"Look at me. I'm walking down this road on my way to Jericho.

"While the man was walking, some men attacked him, hurt him badly, and took his money! (Lay the toy man on the floor.)

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"Oh, no! That is NOT KINDNESS! (Point to hands/heart sticker.)



"The poor man had so many boo-boos. He really needed help.

Put on hat #1 and slowly walk by the hurt man as you continue to tell the story.

"Before long, someone came walking by.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

"On the count of three, I want you to yell, 'Please help!' One, two, three."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Please help!"

STORYTELLER: (*still walking*) "But the person did not stop to help.

Walk by the toy man and go back to where you began, taking off hat #1.

"He just walked right by the hurt man. That is not KINDNESS. (Point to hands/heart sticker.)

Put on hat #2. Slowly walk to the toy man as you continue the story.

"Then another man came walking along.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"On the count of three, yell, 'Please help!' One, two, three."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Please help!"

STORYTELLER: (*still walking*) "But that person did not stop to help, either.

Walk by the toy man and go back to where you began, taking off hat #2.

"He just walked right by the hurt man. That is not KINDNESS. (Point to hands/heart sticker.)

Put on hat #3.

"Then a third man came by. This man was a Samaritan. Now, I really don't think this man will stop and help because the Samaritan people and the hurt man's people are not friends. But we can try.

Slowly walk toward the toy man as you continue the story.

"On the count of three, yell, 'Please help!' One, two, three."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Please help!"



Stop at the toy man and begin to help.

STORYTELLER: "Oh, no! Poor hurt man. I'll help you!

(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)

"The Samaritan DID stop and help the hurt man! He chose KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker) and put bandages all over the hurt man's boo-boos. (Pretend to bandage the toy man.)

"Then he chose KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker) and put the hurt man on his donkey. (Pick up the toy man.)

"Then he chose KINDNESS (*point to hands/heart sticker*) and took the hurt man to a place to stay until he was all better!

Lay the toy man on the table then take off hat #3.

"Wow! The Samaritan man was so KIND! (Point to hands/heart sticker.)

"And guess what! Jesus can help us choose KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker), too!

(Option: Display Story Image W1 05)

"When someone is hurt, we can choose KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker) and help them.

"When someone is sad, we can choose KINDNESS (*point to hands/heart sticker*) and give them a hug or cheer them up with KIND (*point to hands/heart sticker*) words.

"Jesus will help us choose KINDNESS (*point to hands/heart sticker*), because Jesus can help us do everything. Who can help you do everything?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus can help me do everything!"

STORYTELLER: "Again! Who can help you do everything?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jesus can help me do everything!"

STORYTELLER: "Okay friends, it's time to pray. Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help us choose kindness. Help us think of ways we can use our hands and our words to be kind to everyone. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.

"Thanks for listening, friends. I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible, toy man, and hats.



PRELUDE	SOCIAL	WORSHIP	STORY	GROUPS	HOME	
			10 MINUTES			

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Kind is Cool" sign and hands/heart rock from Intro Sketch

The Host enters still wearing the hands/heart sticker and carrying the "Kind Is Cool" sign.

HOST: "Wow! The Samaritan chose KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker) and helped the hurt man. Jesus can help me choose KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker) with everyone, too. And KINDNESS (point to hands/heart sticker) can change the world!

"I think I got the story. Did you get it? (*Pause*.) If you did, give me two thumbs-up (*hold up two thumbs*) and say, 'Got it!' (*Pause*.) Get it?"

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good!

Hold up the "Kind Is Cool" sign.

"Kind really is cool! Instead of hanging our kindness sign inside, I'm going to hang it outside, so everyone can see it! Bye friends! See you next time!"

Host exits with the "Kind is Cool" sign.