

WEEK
ONE
JULY 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Pens, "Hidden Colors" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a pen and a copy of the "Hidden Colors" Activity Page.
- Invite them to find the name of a color hidden in each

sentence.

- Explain that in order to identify the colors, they will have to disregard word spacing and punctuation marks (periods and commas).
- Point out the sentences at the top of the page by way of examples.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Be Kind

The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How can you be kind even when it's hard?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Show kindness to everyone.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns."
Philippians 1:6, NIV

MAKE WAVES

What you do today can change the world around you.

BASIC TRUTH

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

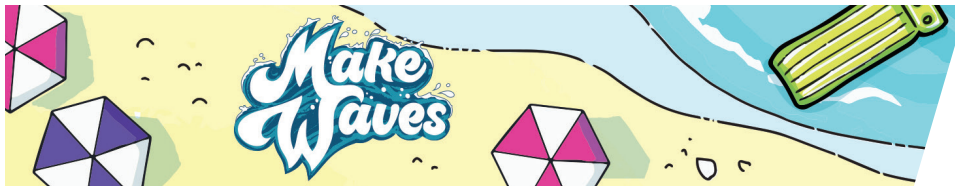
Answers:

1. **Gold** (A biG, OLD, hungry dog appeared at our door every morning.)
2. **Copper** (The COP PERSuaded him not to create a disturbance.)
3. **Black** (The caB LACKed proper brakes to stop at the intersection.)
4. **Tan** (You shouldn't leT AN upstart like him bother you.)
5. **Green** (I aGREE Not to eat all the food.)
6. **Red** (NewspapeR EDitors decided to go on strike.)
7. **Gray** (LonG RAYon fabrics were loaded on the truck.)
8. **Rose** (The sunset makes caiRO SEem magnificent.)
9. **Plum** (Some states shiP LUMber and coal on canal barges.)
10. **White** (The new laW HIT Everybody's wallet pretty hard.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That wasn't as easy as it seemed. If I didn't already know there were names of colors hidden in those sentences, I'd never have noticed. Good thing I had the answers! Hidden words make for a fun game, but apart from word games and stuff like burps and spiders, some things should never be hidden. **[Transition]** Let's go to Large Group and find out what that is."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Pen, paper, (optional) play money

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a pen and sheet of paper.
- Assign each kid an even amount of money between \$1 and \$10. (Use actual play money if desired.)
- Lead kids in the following number puzzle:
 - Double the number of dollars you were assigned.
 - Add six to the new amount.
 - Divide that amount by two.
 - Subtract the original amount of money you were assigned at the beginning
 - Multiply that amount by 100.(Note: At the end of the puzzle, each kid should have \$300.)
- Ask kids to take turns sharing three ways they could use that amount of money to show kindness to someone in a meaningful way.
- Their ideas can involve the total sum, or they can divide the amount among different ideas.

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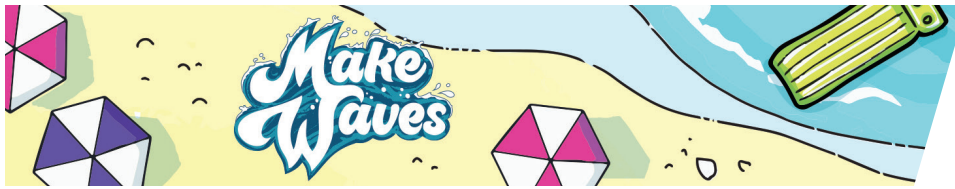
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MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When you really don't feel like being kind or you're struggling with someone who is not easy to like, what's are some things you could think about to motivate you to be kind even when it's not what you want to do? *(remember that each person was made by and is loved by God, try to find something you DO like about that person, think about when someone has been kind to you when you weren't easy to be kind to)*
- Give three reasons why you think God wants us to treat others with kindness.
- Why might kindness feel awkward at times? How can you push through that awkwardness and be more comfortable?

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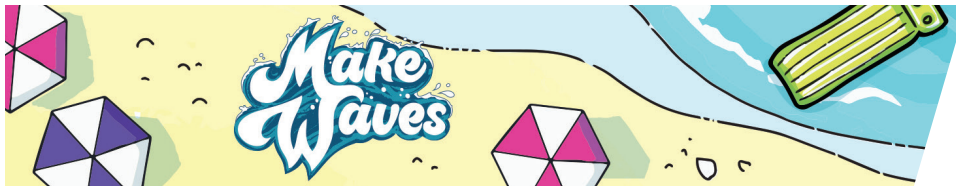
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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to pray for the people who will receive the kindnesses written on their "kindness coupons."
- Encourage those who are willing to pray out loud while others pray silently.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for what we have learned today about kindness. Now, help us to bring about a wave of kindness to those around us. We need Your help to be able to do that. Please help us look for opportunities to make a difference through a simple act of kindness. Use these small tokens this week to let others see You in us. Give us the courage to reach out to others. We pray in Your name, amen."

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