



First, watch
this week's
video!

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

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, NIV

Bible Story

Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

Bottom Line

Be kind to people who are different from you.

Use this guide to help your family learn how God wants us to be kind to everyone.

Activity

Different but the Same

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Read a set of three items from the list below, and challenge your child to figure out what those three items have in common. Continue through the other sets of items in the list.

- picnic, card, pool (*types of tables*)
- birthday, Pokémon, baseball (*types of cards*)
- yard, pogo, chop (*types of sticks*)
- brown, black, grizzly (*types of bears*)
- skunk, nose, garbage (*things that smell*)
- elephant, car, tree (*things that have trunks*)
- Swiss cheese, doughnut, bowling ball (*things that have holes*)
- ballet, tennis, running (*types of shoes*)

Talk About the Bible Story

In our game, what did we find out about all those things that seemed so different from each other? (*They also had things in common.*)

Is that also true about people?

In today's story, who was the hero who stopped to help the hurt man? (*the Samaritan*)

What made the hurt man and the Samaritan different from each other? (*At that time, Jewish people and Samaritans didn't get along.*)

Did that stop the Samaritan from helping the hurt man? (*no*)

How can you be kind to someone who's different from you?

Parents, share about a time when someone who was different from you did something kind for you.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for this story Jesus told. It reminds us that we should be kind to people who are different from us. Please show us how we can act with love and kindness to EVERYONE we see—not just people who think, talk, or act the way we do. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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

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Read Luke 10:25-37

DAY
1

A Different Kind

Ask an adult to help you look up this week's Bible story in Luke 10:25-37. Read the story together. What stuck out to you about this story? The two men in the story were very different from each other and probably would not have normally been friends. However, the Samaritan man was able to show kindness even though he was different from the hurt man. And that is how it should be for us. God wants us to show kindness to everyone, especially if they are different from us. This week, find someone who is different than you, and show kindness to them.

Show everyone kindness.

DAY
2

Kindness Cards

There are a lot of people around you that need kindness. They may look different than you or act different than you, but they still need to be shown kindness. Grab several pieces of paper and fold them in half and then in half again. Now decorate your cards with a picture and a fun message like, "Just wanted to say hi" or "Just wanted to brighten your day." Ask your caregiver if you can drop them off for an elderly neighbor or a local retirement community.

Look for ways to be kind to those around us.

DAY
3

Put Their Shoes On

Have you ever thought about how you can be kind to someone that is different from you? Maybe someone is different because they are new at school and don't have any friends. Now, grab a pair of your mom or dad's shoes and put them on. As you put the shoes on think of someone that is different than you and put yourself in their shoes. That means do for them what you would like someone to do for you! Be a friend to the new kid at school. The world would be a much better place if everyone showed this kind of kindness.

Remember to put yourself in someone else's shoes.

DAY
4

Catch Kindness

We've talked about kindness all month long. So, let's put it into practice one last time by playing, Kindness Catch. This would be super fun and easy to play at dinnertime with your family. Here's how to play. Toss a roll (or any food that is able to be tossed) to someone at the table. As you toss the roll, say something kind about the person you are tossing it to. Then, that person does the same thing. Keep going until everyone runs out of kind things to say.

Dear God, *Help me remember to treat everyone with kindness; those that are hard to love, my family, my friends, and those that are different than me.* **Amen.**

Be kind to people who are different from you.

PARENT CUE



Luke 10:25-37

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DAY 1

Read Hebrews 13:2

Who is your favorite sports team? Yell out your favorite chant, cheer, or tagline to represent that team.

Who is your favorite team's biggest rival?

What if for the next month, someone from that team showed up each morning at your front door decked out in their team colors to sing their fight song? How would you respond? Would you invite them in for breakfast? Would you stop and tap your feet along to their catchy tune?

God wants you to show kindness to everyone. When you welcome and love and care for people who are different from you, even people who root for the "wrong" team, you're acting just like Jesus would! Kindness shouldn't be something we only offer some people. **Kindness is for everyone.**

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 11:17

Think about the kindest person you know. It might be your mom or your grandfather or your favorite teacher. Are you picturing that person in your mind right now? How does he or she show kindness?

There are big benefits to choosing kindness, not just for the people around you but for you too. But the opposite is also true. Mean people bring ruin on themselves. That means things won't go well for you. Nobody wants to hang out with someone that's always unkind. Choosing kindness is always wise.

Decode the secret message below about kindness. Cross out the letter and write the very next letter in the alphabet in the blank above it. (For instance, if the letter you see is "B", cross it out and write "C" on the line above it. If you see a "Z" the blank will be filled with an "A"):

A D J H M C S N O D N O K D

V G N Z Q D C H E E D Q D M S

E Q N L X N T

Answer: Be kind to people who are different from you.



DAY 3

Read Romans 13:10

When Jesus was asked “What is the most important commandment?” do you remember His answer? Jesus said to “Love the Lord your God” and put Him first. But He quickly added a second part, to “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

So, who is your neighbor? When Jesus was talking about loving your neighbor, He wasn't just talking about the people who live in your neighborhood. Neighbor includes pretty much anyone and everyone you see each day.

Kindness is showing others how valuable they are by how you treat them. Jesus said to love others as you love yourself. That means that everyone deserves kindness, even people who look, think, act, and talk differently than you.

Read the scenarios below. Then act out one way you could show kindness in that situation:

The kid on the other team gets knocked down right in front of you on the field.

The kid next to you on the bus looks sad.

*Be kind to people
who are different from you.*

DAY 4

Read Luke 10:25-37

Jesus would often tell stories to help His audience understand His teaching. Today you are reading about The Good Samaritan.

Bottom line is that the Samaritan felt sorry for the man and showed kindness, even though they were very different from one another. He stopped and helped the man. He saved his life.

Jesus ends His story by saying, “Go and do as he did.”

Grab a piece of paper and draw a picture of this story in 2020. When you finish, write, “Be kind to people who are different from you” on the page. Share this picture with your family and talk about ways you “go and do as he did” and show kindness to others this week.

