



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

Key Question

How can you 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*)
- ▶ 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*)
- ▶ wagon, cart, steering (*types of wheels*)
- ▶ onion, tree, bells (*things that have rings*)

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

How did the priest and the Levite react when they saw the hurt man on the side of the road? (*They ignored him.*) How do you feel when someone ignores you or simply doesn't listen to what you have to say?

The Samaritan could have ignored the injured man and walked right on by, but he didn't. How does it feel when someone who's different from you is KIND to you?

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."

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Handwriting lines for journaling.



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Luke 10:25-37

As you read Luke 10:25-37, circle every time you read the word neighbor.

Next, lightly cross through every time you read an example of someone not being a neighbor.

Lastly, underline every time you read an example of someone being a neighbor.

The robbers beat the man.

The priest passed by the man.

The Levite passed by the man.

The Samaritan took pity on the man.

The Samaritan helped the man with his wounds.

The Samaritan took the man to an inn and took care of him.

The Samaritan paid the innkeeper so the man could stay and heal.

The Samaritan was the least likely person to help the man, based on their differences. Yet, he didn't just stop. He also showed kindness by helping the man, taking time to get him to safety, and paying for his care. What an amazing example of how to **be kind to people who are different from you!**

Day 3

One a piece of paper, write some words that describe you.

On the other side of the paper, label it "others" and write the opposite of—or things that are just different from—those words. So, if you're athletic, maybe in the side you would write artsy, or musical (unless you would describe yourself in that way too!). Try to think of as many differences in yourself and others as you can.

Now, take a few minutes to pray for people who are different from you, using the prayer below.

"Dear God, thank You for making me, me. But thank You for making other people different! Those differences are beautiful. Help me not to be afraid to see the differences in other people, but instead to appreciate the beauty that comes from the unique ways you've made each of us. Please help me to be kind to people that don't act like me, don't look like me, don't talk like me, and don't believe like me. Help me to show people who are different from me just how valuable they are. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen."

P.S. keep this paper around for day five.

Day 4

Sometimes when people are different from us, we find it intimidating to talk to them.

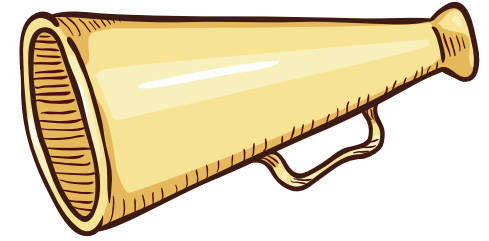
Maybe we're afraid we'll say something wrong, or hurt their feelings without meaning to. Can you imagine, though, if the Samaritan had let his fear of doing or saying the wrong thing hold him back from helping the man attacked by the robbers?

Find a trusted adult and talk for a few minutes about **how can you be kind to people who are different from you:**

- ➔ Talk about what it might look like to be kind to someone:
- ➔ Who roots for a different sports team
- ➔ Who is from a different country
- ➔ Who likes different activities than you
- ➔ Who is a different race
- ➔ Who is a different religion

Share with each other what it looks like to be kind to people who are different from you. (Hint: It's not just about being polite. Sometimes, it means sacrificing your comfort, your resources, or your time to show them how valuable they are!)

Remember: You don't have to be best friends with everyone you interact with, but you do have to be kind, just as God was kind to you!



Day 5

Look back at your paper from day three.

Look at the "Others" side. Think of one person who embodies a lot of those differences you wrote, and write their name here: _____

What is one way you can show that person how valuable they are? Think back on the conversation you had yesterday too. As you try to think of ways to be kind to them, think about what makes them different from you. If they have a hobby or interest that is different from yours, maybe you could go support them by watching their game or performance. If they celebrate different holidays from you, try researching those special days so you can join in their celebration with a special greeting that shows them you care. If you need help figuring out how to be kind to your friend, ask an adult for help!

As you show kindness to people who are different from you, you will discover just how valuable those differences are!