



**FEBRUARY THEME**

**REWIND**

Kindness Deserves a Replay

**BIBLE STORY**

**Matthew 25:35-40**

All the Small Things | The Least of These

**BOTTOM LINE**

Be kind to people who are overlooked

**MEMORY VERSE**

“Do to others as you want them to do to you.”

Luke 6:31, NIV

**LIFE APP**

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

**BASIC TRUTH**

I should treat others the way I want to be treated

**FOR LEADERS ONLY**

**GOD VIEW:** the connection between **KINDNESS** and God’s character, as shown through God’s big story.

**Key Question: Have you ever received unexpected kindness?** Often the best kindness is the kindness that feels completely random. Help families discover how they feel when someone surprises them with kindness. Help them figure out the unexpected ways they can show kindness to people in their life.

In **Matthew 25:35-40**, we’ll revisit one of Jesus’ teachings on kindness. For one reason or another, people are overlooked every day—no one even notices them, much less shows kindness to them. But Jesus says that when we show kindness to one of the least of these, it’s as if we’re showing kindness to him. We hope to discover how we can show kindness to people who are overlooked in their world.

**Bottom Line: Be kind to people who are overlooked.** Everyone deserves to be treated like they’re valuable, no matter who they are. We hope families start to see people who have needs and work together to show kindness and meet those needs.

**SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION**

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today’s story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for eternal kindness. Ask God to forgive you and to forgive your few for the times you’ve overlooked someone and, as a result, were unkind to them. Pray that kids would seek out those who are typically overlooked and purposefully seek to be kind.

**•• EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

**Made to Connect** | *An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** Dice

**What You Do:**

- Give one group member the dice.
- Call out a number (*between one and six*) and instruct the kid with the dice to roll it.
- Pass the dice around the group until someone rolls the number you called.
- For whatever number was called out, the winning kid should try to come up with the same amount of ways they can be kind to a family member this week. (*Provide help as needed.*)
- If there is still time left, do it again, this time listing ways they can be kind to a friend.



## •• OVERLOOKED ITEMS

*Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** “Items” cards, paper, pen

### What You Do:

- Set out the “Items” cards on your table. Tell kids to look at them closely because in a minute you will take the cards away, and they will need to try to remember what was on them.
- Give kids 30-60 seconds to look. Then take the cards away.
- Ask kids to call out the items they can remember. Write them down on the paper.
- Set the cards back out, and ask kids to see if there was anything they overlooked.

**What You Say:** “There were so many items on the cards, it was easy to overlook some of them. It’s also sometimes easy to overlook people, because there are just so many people in this world. **[Transition] Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship, we’ll hear/we heard about how we should treat people who are overlooked.**”

*[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to the Family Room for Children’s Ministry Worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]*

---

## GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

## •• OVERLOOKED SUBJECTS [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

*Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** “Overlooked Subjects” activity cards, “Acts of Kindness” activity cards, dice

### What You Do:

- Place the “Overlooked Subjects” cards in a row (*in numbered order*) in the middle of your space. Place the “Acts of Kindness” cards below them, also in numbered order.
- Explain to kids that they will each get a turn rolling the die.
  - They will roll it two times with each turn they receive.
  - The first roll will determine which overlooked subject they landed on. For example, if they roll a two, they landed on the homeless man.
  - The second roll will determine what act of kindness they landed on. For example, if they roll a two, they landed on “something to drink.”
- Once they have rolled twice, they will determine how they can be kind to their selected person with the item that was selected. For example: I can be kind to the homeless person by giving him a bottle of water.
- Continue until each of your few has had a turn rolling, and as time and interest allow.

**NOTE:** Be careful not to encourage your few to invite a stranger into their home without express permission from a parent or guardian. If they happen to roll the combination of house and homeless man/new kid at school, give suggestions such as, “Get to know the new kid and then ask a parent if you can invite him over,” or, “Ask a parent to help homeless person find a shelter to go to.”

**What You Say:** “The options really are endless for how we can show kindness to others. We often forget about the people all around



us who may need a kind word or action. Maybe it's the new girl in school who doesn't have any friends yet. Or perhaps it's the person you know who doesn't have as much as you. Whoever it may be, we can all **[Bottom Line] be kind to people who are overlooked.** **[Make It Personal]** *(Describe a time when you were overlooked and received kindness, or you gave kindness to someone who was overlooked.)*

•• **YOU AND I** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

**Made to Imagine | An activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment**

**What You Need:** Bible, bottles of water

**What You Do:**

- Give each person a bottle of water.
  - Read Matthew 25:35-40 to your group.
  - Tell kids to take a sip of water whenever you say the word "I."
  - Read the passage again, but this time ask your group to take a sip of water when they hear the word "you."
  - Point out that when we unselfishly help someone, we're serving God.
  - Reread verses 35-36 pausing after each "I" sentence to give the kids an opportunity to interject an example of a way they have shown or have been shown kindness as described in that part of the verse.
- In other words, when have they had opportunity to serve God by serving someone's need for food, clothing, friendship, etc.?  
—Was there ever a time when they or their family were in need and others helped meet that need?

•• **DON'T BLANK** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

**Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**

**What You Need:** Copy paper, pen

**What You Do:**

- Draw as many blanks on the paper as there are words in the memory verse, including the reference (*Luke 6:31*).
- One at a time, call out a word of the verse in random order.
- Choose a volunteer to write that word on the paper, in the correct spot within the verse.
- The rest of the group can help the volunteer figure out which blank the given word goes in.
- The goal is to fill in every blank with the memory verse in correct order.
- Continue until the verse is complete.
- Repeat as time and interest allow.

**What You Say:** "It was so hard not to repeat the words that were already said, but I think God's Word AND kindness always deserve a replay. You know how our verse tells us we should treat others the way we want to be treated? Well, that also goes for those that we tend to forget about. Whether it's someone at your school or in your neighborhood, you can **[Bottom Line] be kind to people who are overlooked.**"

---

**PRAY AND SEND** [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

**Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding**

**What You Need:** No supplies needed



**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Called to Connect

FEBRUARY  
**11/21**  
2018

**GRADE 2-3**  
SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

**What You Do:**

- Ask your few if any one person or need stood out to them today.
- As they share, ask them how they think that person could use prayer.

**What You Say:** “God, I thank you that you do not overlook anyone! Thank you for truly loving the least of these, and thank you for giving your love and kindness to us. I pray that you cause our group to see your people like you do. Help us to see the overlooked and boldly reach out to them with kindness. Show us this week how we can **[Bottom Line] be kind to people who are overlooked.** In Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Give each child a **GodTime** card. Sunday leaders, hand out **Parent Cue** cards as adults arrive to pick up. Ask kids to share with their families that every person deserves kindness and that we can **[Bottom Line] be kind to people who are overlooked.**