



FEBRUARY THEME

REWIND

Kindness Deserves a Replay

BIBLE STORY

Titus 3:4-7

Amazing Grace | Kindness Principle

BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to others because God is kind to you

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: What does kindness look like? While this may seem like a simple question, preteens need to start from a concrete idea before connecting that idea to their own life. When kids can identify the kindness of others, they have a better chance of replicating that in their own life. We want families to figure out how they can show kindness to others based on the ways people have been kind to them.

We start the month talking about the foundation for our kindness. In **Titus 3:4-7**, Paul talked about God’s amazing kindness toward us. God poured out kindness when God sent Jesus to rescue us from the consequences of our sin. We can have life forever because of God’s kindness and love.

Bottom Line: Be kind to others because God is kind to you. We pray that as families learn about God’s kindness through Jesus, they will see how they can reflect God’s kindness to the people in their life.

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 the everlasting kindness that God first gave to us, allowing us to then be kind to others in return. Pray that kids would get a glimpse today of the “why” behind being kind, and that they would be encouraged to be intentionally kind to others.

•• **EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

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

What You Need: “Happy Face” coloring page, crayons

What You Do:

- Welcome kids as they arrive.
- Hand out “Happy Face” coloring pages and crayons. As kids color, ask:
 - What did you do for somebody this week that put a smile on their face?
 - What did somebody do for you this week that put a smile on your face?
 - How did you feel when you were kind to someone? How do you think they felt?

•• **SIMON SAYS BE KIND**

Made to Move | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the



energy in the body

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to stand up and form a line facing you.
- Explain that you will be playing a game of “Simon Says” and you are Simon.
- Make sure your group understands how to play Simon Says:
 - Simon tells players what they must do.
 - However, you only do the action when you hear, “Simon says,” before it.
 - For example, if Simon says, “Simon says touch your head,” then you should touch your head. If he simply says, “Touch your head,” you should not touch your head.
- Below are some ideas for actions, but feel free to get creative and add some of your own!
 - Touch your nose
 - Shake your hips
 - Spin around
 - Touch your head
 - Give someone a high-five
 - Do five jumping jacks
 - Touch your toes
 - Clap your hands
 - Lick your elbow
 - Touch your shoulders

What You Say: “Well, you all were really good at that game! Simon was getting a little tricky there toward the end, but you were paying close attention to what you should and shouldn’t have been doing. **[Transition] Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship, we’ll hear/we heard about something we should always be doing no matter what!**”

[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.

•• HAPPY AND SAD REVIEW [Talk about God | Bible Story Review | Application Activity]

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

What You Need: “Happy and Sad Review Script” activity page

What You Do:

- As a group, practice making happy faces and sad faces.
- Explain to your group that you will read a story to them.
 - When someone in the story is being kind, they should make a very happy face.
 - When someone is not being kind, they should make a very sad face.
- Read the “Happy and Sad Review Script” aloud, encouraging kids to make the appropriate faces as you go.

What You Say: “Today we learned that God doesn’t have to show us kindness. God chooses to be kind because God loves us. We don’t have to do anything to earn it. It’s a free gift from God. And we should also give that same free gift of kindness to others. They shouldn’t have to do anything to deserve or earn it. **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time someone was kind to you even though you did nothing to deserve it. Maybe the person was even a stranger.) [Bottom Line] Be kind to others because God is kind to you.**”



●● **KIND OR NOT?** [Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Reflect | An activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: “Kind or Not” activity pages, crayons

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Kind or Not” activity page and a crayon.
- Explain that the first picture in each column shows a scenario where kids have the chance to be kind.
- The second and third pictures show a kid being kind and a kid not being kind.
- Ask kids to describe what’s happening in the scenario in the top row. Then tell kids to circle the picture of a kid being kind in the first row.
- Repeat with the other rows.
- Then instruct kids to turn their papers over.
- Ask kids to come up with a scenario of their own when they could either be kind or not kind. (*You might need to help them with ideas: Mom needs help setting the table; older sibling asks if they’ll play a game they don’t really want to play.*) Then they should draw both a picture of how they could be kind in that situation and how they could not be kind in that situation.

What You Say: “In most situations in life, we can choose to be kind, or we can choose to not be kind. Raise your hand if you think it’s important to be kind to others. (*Pause.*) That’s right. It’s super important. It might not always be easy to be kind, but since God is kind to us, we should be kind to others. So this week, when you have a choice of whether to be kind or not, make the wise choice and treat others with kindness. **[Bottom Line] Be kind to others because God is kind to you.**”

●● **GOLDEN RULE** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Bible, “Golden Rule” activity pages, crayons

What You Do:

- Help kids look up Luke 6:31...

Finding verses with kindergartners and 1st graders: Open a Bible to the front and find the table of contents. (*Hold it up to show the kids what the page looks like.*) Then, lead them to find Luke in the list under “New Testament.” You can help by telling them that Luke starts with the letters L-U. When the kids find Luke, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Luke. Help the kids find the page. When they find Luke, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 31 in chapter 6.

- Explain that sometimes this verse is called the “Golden Rule,” because it’s a very important command to follow.
- Hand out the “Golden Rule” activity pages and crayons.
- Instruct kids to use a variety of colors of crayons to decorate their pages.

What You Say: “The “Golden Rule” isn’t called that because it has to be written in the color gold. It can be any color. Or many colors. It just means that you should be kind. I want you to take your ‘Golden Rule’ page home with you and read it to your families so they will also know to *‘do to others as you want them to do to you.’* The reason we should do this is because God has been so kind to us in the first place. **[Bottom Line] Be kind to others because God is kind to you.**”



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GRADE K-1

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

PRAY AND SEND [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect | An activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Ask kids to go around the circle and take turns praying, “God, please help me be kind to others.”
- Close with the prayer below...

What You Say: “Dear God, thank you for being so kind to us. We want to also be kind to others, but we know this isn’t always easy. Help us to be kind to others because you are kind to us. Amen.”

Give each child a **GodTime** card. As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask their kids to describe the “Golden Rule.”