

Alley SG - February 3-4, 2018

Bible Truth: Amazing Grace (Kindness Principle) • Titus 3:4-7

Bottom Line: Be kind to others because God is kind to you.

Key Question: What does kindness look like?

Memory Verse: “Do to others as you want them to do to you.” Luke 6:31, NIV

1. Kindness is Contagious (Worship Experience)

What You Need: Permanent markers in a variety of colors, table cloth, rubbing alcohol in a sprayer, paper towels

What You Do:

- **Ask** students to write their own personal definitions of kindness, who they can be kind to, how God has been kind to them, etc. on the table cloth in permanent marker in their own artistic way.
- When they're finished, **listen** as each person shares what they wrote.
- **Pass** the rubbing alcohol sprayer around as each person takes a turn putting several sprays of alcohol onto the center of their design until it is lightly saturated **but not soaked**.
 - The rubbing alcohol will react with the marker and blend the colors into the fabric, creating a tie-dye design.
 - The more alcohol used, the further the ink will spread and the larger the design will be.
 - *Note: Avoid over-saturating the design with alcohol all at once.*
- **Leave** the fabric on the table/small group area to dry. Within a few minutes the alcohol will evaporate and the fabric will dry.
- While the projects are drying, **let** the students give their opinions about the phrase, “Kindness is contagious.”
 - Do you think people are more apt to be kind if they are treated kindly?
 - Are they more likely to be mean if they are treated unkindly?
 - What do you think motivates people to be kind?

2. Kindness Bubbles Over

What You Need: Bibles, cookie sheet or tray (1 per group), Alka-Seltzer tablets (1 packet per group), film canisters (3 per group), water bottle (1 per group), red food coloring dropper (1 per group)

What You Do:

- **Gather** everyone around the tray.
- **Fill** the film canister about $\frac{1}{4}$ full of water and put it in the center of the tray.
- **Invite** someone to read Titus 3:4-5a (*But the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared. He saved us. It wasn't because of the good things we had done . . .*)
- **Ask:**
 - How did God show His kindness and love to us?
 - What did Jesus do to save us?

- **Open** the Alka-Seltzer tablet and break it in half, as you remind the students that when Jesus died on the cross, His body was broken, and He shed his blood as a sacrifice for our sins.
- **Invite** someone to read Titus 3:5b (*. . . It was because of his mercy. He saved us by washing away our sins. We were born again. The Holy Spirit gave us new life.*)
- **Add** about one drop of red food coloring into the water then gently swish it around.
- **Ask:** “What does the color red remind you of? (*Blood of Jesus, Love, etc.*)
- **Invite** someone to read Titus 3:6-7.
- **Add** the Alka-Seltzer tablet to the canister, place the lid tightly on top, and quickly flip the canister over on its lid. The pressure will build up and cause the canister to go flying in the air.
- **Ask:**
 - How might adding kindness to a situation completely change things?
 - What “ingredients” are needed for someone’s life to overflow with kindness?
 - If kindness is flowing out of someone’s life, what would you expect to see them saying and doing? What would you probably NOT see them doing?
- **Point out** that when we’re struggling to be kind to another person it helps to remember God’s undeserved kindness toward us.
 - Even though He could have justifiably separated Himself from us forever, He didn’t. Instead, He sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us.
- **Give** the students a moment to consider one thing they can do this week to help them rewind back to the cross and remember what Jesus has done for them then let that impact the way they treat others.
- **Clean up** and put ingredients safely away.

3. Discussion Questions

- If there were an award given for extreme kindness, what would someone need to do to receive it?
 - Do you know anyone who might qualify?
 - Would YOU be nominated for the award?
 - Why might Jesus be given the extreme kindness award?
- What can help you be kind, even when you don’t feel like it?
- Do you think people can be kind even when they’re upset or angry? Explain.
- What are some benefits of being kind to others?

4. God Time Sheets

- **NOTE:** *The God Time sheets are intended to be a closing time activity each week in The Alley. Children will begin working on their sheets, as well as be encouraged to bring their sheets back the following week for \$3 in Alley Cash. Children cannot turn in their sheets the same week. The goal is to keep the lesson on their minds and in front of them throughout the following week.*