

City LG - February 17-18, 2018

Bible Story: All the Small Things (The Least of These) • *Matthew 25:35-40*

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*

WORSHIP: No Other Love and Get Down

“Hello everyone! Welcome to the City! We are so excited you are here today, and I can’t wait to worship Jesus with you today! Everybody stand up and let’s sing. We have two songs today. Our first song is called ‘No Other Love’, and it is all about Jesus loving us so very much. Let’s sing!”

“Our next song is called ‘Get Down’, and it’s all about us looking to God when we have some bad days that get us down. When we get down, He lifts us up! So, let me see those dance moves today! Here we go!”

LARGE GROUP:

“Hello, hello City! How’s everyone feeling today?”

Hold hand beside ear and nod.

“That’s great! I’m feeling good, too. You know why? Well, it’s because I love getting to talk with you about something important from God’s Word. This month we’ve been talking about kindness—**showing others they are valuable by what we say and do**. But here’s the thing; we shouldn’t be kind because we’re supposed to be kind. Instead, we should show kindness because we think being kind to people will make a difference in their lives. That’s what’s happened when God was kind and loving when He sent Jesus. It made a HUGE difference in our lives. We can do the same for others.”

“Being kind to people who might be famous, like a football player or rock star, do you think that would be easy? *(Pause for response.)* Yeah, me too! If we saw someone like that, we’d probably do whatever it took to make sure they felt valuable by what we said to them.”

“But do we treat everyone like that? How about our teachers or kids who seem to keep to themselves? What about kids who are just different than us?”

“That’s a great question. And when we have a great question like that, the first place we should look is the Bible, God’s Word to us. How about we do that right now?”

“Jesus was talking to His friends about how God wants us to live as part of His family. And I don’t know about you, but I definitely want to do whatever God thinks is best. Let’s take a look at what Jesus told them.”

“Here’s what Jesus said to His friends. He was telling a parable about a king who invites people into his kingdom. This is what the king says to those people.”

CG: Matthew 25:35-40 Slides

“I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.”

“Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. “Lord,” they will ask, “when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we

see you needing clothes and give them to you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

"The King will reply, "What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (NirV).

"That sounded pretty complicated, huh? Well, let's break it down and look at what Jesus said and see if we can make sense of it. Let me explain it to you by showing you in this week's Bible Story. Let's watch!"

CG: Week 3 Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:31)

"Kindness is powerful. When we see a need and do something about it, that's kindness. A great way that we can meet a need that we know about it through giving in our offering. It's offering time!"

Offering Time:

"Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else's life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God's love for them. And we can help make this happen, for as little as the cost of one candy bar a day! Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Rose

CG: Picture of Child

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays, and place it here (*show offering basket*)."

CG: Offering Time Video

"Ok, City. Thanks for your kindness during our offering. Now, let's look at the one thing to remember for today."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Be kind to people who are overlooked. When we give food or water or clothes or friendship to people who need it, we show them they are important to us. We treat them the way Jesus taught us to so they feel like they really matter. That's what kindness can do! Let's pray and ask God to help us discover ways we can **[Bottom Line]** be kind to people who are overlooked. Let's pray together."

Pray: "Dear God, You are such a big, awesome, and loving Father. You're always kind to us, even when we don't deserve it. Please help us to be kind to others, especially to the people who get ignored, who are lonely, or who feel forgotten. When we're kind to them, help them see how much You love them. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen."

What an important lesson from Jesus today. You know, I've never thought that being kind to others was like we're being kind to Jesus. It's so awesome that God uses people like us to show others how much He loves them. We could be kind to others who just look like they're a bit lonely."

"In Small Group, you'll talk more about HOW you can show kindness to people who are overlooked. I bet you'll think of some awesome ways to make them feel like they matter to you and to God! Have fun doing that. We'll see you next time!"

Dismiss children to their small groups.