

City LG-February 3rd-4th, 2018

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

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*

WORSHIP: Brighter and Movin' Me

"Hey City! My name is (your name, and the names of those on your team), and we are so glad you are here today to worship God with us! We are going to sing 2 songs together, so let's all stand up, sing loud, and follow along with our dance moves today! Let's worship!"

LARGE GROUP:

"Hey, hey, hey! How's everyone doing? I'm [your name], and I am super excited to hang out with you all today! On the count of three, I want everyone to say your name. Ready? One, two, three.

Hold hand beside ear and nod.

"Okay, okay. I think I heard all of those. It's great to see you guys! I love hanging out here in The City, because not only do we always have fun, but we also learn something cool about God that makes our life better. And I don't know about you, but I happen to think that better is . . . well, better! And the best book to help us get better at life is...what book? (*allow response*) That's right, the Bible!"

"The people who wrote the Bible capture exactly what God wanted us to know about how we can follow Him, know Jesus, and discover the life He wants for us. One of those writers was a man named Paul. He wrote a letter to a young pastor named Titus. And Paul said this about kindness. Check it out."

CG: *Titus 3:4-7 Slide*

"But the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared. He saved us. It wasn't because of the good things we had done. 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. God poured out the Spirit on us freely. That's because of what Jesus Christ our Savior has done. His grace made us right with God. So now we have received the hope of eternal life as God's children, (NIV).

"Wow! Paul wrote some pretty big words in those verses, didn't he? How about we make it a little easier for us to understand? Paul wanted us to know something important about kindness. That's what this week's story is all about. Let's take a look..."

CG: *Week 1 Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:32)*

"God didn't send Jesus and then STOP being kind to us, right? No way! God has been kind to us in all sorts of ways. From the sun that gives us warmth to the food we can put on the table to give us strength, God does all sorts of things that show us His kindness."

"God has been super KIND to us. Let's take a look at how we're defining kindness this month.

CG: Kindness Slide

"Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them. Some of you might not have heard one of those words before: valuable. That's a big word that basically means that something has worth and is special to someone.

"That's how God sees us. God values us. He thinks we're special. He thinks we matter. He loves us. And because of that, God shows us kindness."

Offering Time:

Speaking of showing kindness, City! It's 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. You can bring up your offering now, while this video plays, and place it here (*show offering basket*).

CG: Offering Time Video

"When we think about how God sent His only Son, Jesus, to show us His love and kindness, God's kindness toward us should MOVE us. It should change the way we treat others. It should make us want to live differently. It should make us want to show the same love and kindness to others. We will meet all sorts of people who need kindness. We can be kind to them because God was kind to us. Let's take a look at our Bottom Line for today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Be kind to others because God is kind to you. This week, let's be on the lookout for how we can show God's kindness to others by how we treat them. This isn't always easy, so how about we take moment to stop and pray that God will give us the strength to show kindness? Let's pray."

Pray: "God, thank You for sending us Jesus, Your Son. What You did means we can be in Your family forever. You are so loving and so kind. Help us to be kind to others, too, even when it's hard. We know You can help us. We love You. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

Closer: "You can be kind at school by including everyone in the kickball game. You can be kind at home by obeying your parents. You can even be kind here, at church, by being a good listener. Because when you think about the BIG, BIG ways God has been kind to us, it's easy to be kind to others. You'll talk more about this in Small Group, and figure out all sorts of ways to be kind to others. Have fun, and we'll see you next week!"

Dismiss children to their small groups.