

CITY SG – February 3-4, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Show Me the Way (The Kindness of Jesus) • *Matthew 8:1-4, Matthew 19:13-15, Matthew 9:10-13*

Today's Bottom Line: Jesus showed us how to be kind.

Monthly Memory Verse: *You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient.*
Colossians 3:12 (NIRV)

1. Replay

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Charades" Cards (one set per group)

What You Do:

- Divide your group into three groups.
- Give each group a card from the "Charades" Activity Page.
- Instruct each group to read the card quietly and decide how they will act out the story on their card. Encourage them to give everyone in the group a role, if possible.
 - If space allows, let groups split off away from each other so they can plan more easily.
- After a few minutes to practice, invite each group to take turns acting out their story.
- After the group is done acting out the entire sequence, ask the other groups to guess what the events are.
- Continue until all three groups have acted out their charade.
- Ask, "Who did Jesus spend time with that made the disciples and religious leaders upset?"
- Say, "Jesus cared about everyone, especially those who were considered outcasts. So, when we're kind to others, we're showing them the kindness of God too."

2. Kind or Unkind

Application Activity

What You Need: Floor Tape, "Action Statements" Page (One per group)

What You Do:

- Use the floor tape to create a line that's long enough for your group to stand on.
- Use the floor tape to make a big "X" on one side of the line, and a big check mark on the other side of the line.
- One at a time, read a statement from the "Action Statements" Activity Page.
- If the kids think the action is kind, instruct them to jump on the check mark side.
 - Ask one of the kids to explain why the action was kind.
- If the kids think the action was unkind, direct them to jump on the "X" side.
 - Ask one of the kids why they think the action is unkind and what they can do differently to be kind.
 - Refer to the "Action Statements" Activity Page if the kids are stumped on how to turn unkind responses into kind ones.
- Continue the game until all of the statements are read.
- Say, "This week, let's find opportunities to show kindness to others and remember that because **Jesus showed us how to be kind** we can model the same kindness to others since His Holy Spirit lives inside of us and will help us."

3. Memory Verse Review

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient."* Colossians 3:12 (NIRV)
- Say the verse together a few times.
- Encourage kids to tell you action words like jogging, skipping, hopping, marching, etc.
- Make a note of a few of the words they said.
- Tell kids to stand up. You call out one of the prompts they said below, adding the "action" to the blank.
- Lead the kids to say the verse in sections in that way.
- Prompts: Say the verse . . .
 - quickly while [action word].
 - as you shout while [action word].
 - in a whisper while [action word].
 - in an opera voice while [action word].
 - in slow motion as you [action word]

4. Pray

- "God, thank You for sending Your only Son Jesus to show us how to be kind to others. It's not easy to be kind to those who are unkind. Help us to remember that **Jesus showed us how to be kind** and that He is always with us empowering us to be kind to those who are unkind and overlooked. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As parents arrive, ask the child to tell them one way they can be kind to someone this week.