



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Humble and Kind
God Was Kind to Us
Ephesians 4:32

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to others because
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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, NIV

MONTHLY 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.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Better Than the Best Thing" from *Turn It Up* and "Give a Little Kindness" from *This Love*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Kindness Charades
Application Activity: Emotional IQ
Memory Verse Activity: Masking Tape Verse
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App



PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Thank God for His loving kindness toward us. Thank Him for showing us the ultimate kindness when He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Ask Him to continue to pour out His kindness so that out of the abundance of His kindness, we can be kind to others.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: "Unkind to Kind" Activity Page, offering container, pencils, hand sanitizer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet the kids by name as they arrive and ask about their week.
- Invite the kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Encourage the kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid an "Unkind to Kind" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Point out the phrases on the page that show unkind choices.
- Challenge the kids to rewrite the statements from unkind to kind. For example: "A kid on the playground steals the ball" could be rewritten to "A kid on the playground shares the ball."

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper and markers or crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to gather around the butcher paper.
- Give each kid a crayon or marker.
- Read aloud one of the "One Thing" examples from the

list below.

- Direct kids to write or draw on the butcher paper what that one event could lead to.
- For example, you say, "You smile at the new kid." The kids might write "New kid smiles back" or they might draw a picture of the new kid smiling.
- After you share each scenario, give the kids one minute to draw or write their response.
- Call on two or three kids to share their responses.
- Repeat the process for each one thing scenario from the list below.
 - You smile at the new kid.
 - You hit your sister when she made you mad.
 - You let your brother pick the movie.
 - You put your stuff away without being asked.
 - You choose to talk while the teacher gives instructions.
 - You hug your parent just because.
 - You ask your neighbor about their day.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"I love how each of your drawings or answers for each scenario are different. Sometimes, I think we forget that one thing really can lead to another. **[Transition]** In large group today, we'll hear how something GOD has done for us—hint: it's a really BIG thing—can lead to how we treat others. Let's go."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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1. KINDNESS CHARADES
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, strips of paper, pencils, and small plastic bin or box

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up and read Ephesians 4:32 out loud.
- Ask:
 - What does it mean to be kind and compassionate?
 - According to this verse, who has shown kindness to us?
- Give each kid a strip of paper and a pencil.
- Divide your group into two teams.
- Encourage the kids to think back over their week and write down one example of a time when someone showed kindness to them.
- As they finish, direct the kids to fold their strips in half and place them in the bin/box.
- Select a team to go first.
- Instruct one person on that team to choose a strip of paper and read the act of kindness without letting the rest of the kids see it. Then, the kid acts it out for their group—without talking.
- Give the team two minutes to try to guess what act of kindness the kid is acting out.
- If a team guesses correctly, that team gets one point and play moves to the other team.
- If a team does not answer correctly, the other team has a chance to guess. If their guess is correct, then they get a point.
- If neither team can guess the “act of kindness,” allow the kid who did the acting to give a few word clues for the whole group to try and answer.
- Repeat until all of the paper strips have been acted out.
- Tally the points and declare a winner.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

“This month is ALL about kindness, which is showing others how valuable they are by how you treat them. Didn’t you feel valued when (read off two or three of the paper strips)? Of course! When we choose to be kind, others feel loved and appreciated. But we don’t have to show kindness just because it’s the right thing to do—though it definitely is! We show kindness to others because GOD has been kind to us! He made you, He LOVES you, and He sent His only Son, Jesus, to show His love. You can **be kind to others because God is kind to you.**”

[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids how you first learned about God’s love and kindness toward you. Share how it helps you as you think about how to treat others, especially those who are difficult or hard to get along with.)



WEEK

ONE

FEBRUARY 2021

SMALL GROUP

2-3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

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*2. EMOTIONAL IQ

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Emoji Faces" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out an emoji face to each kid.
- As a group, go around the circle and name the emotion

each emoji expresses. (If your group is larger than eight, you will have more than one of some emotions.)

- The emotions on the emojis are: surprised, happy, sad, confused, scared, excited, angry, and embarrassed.
- Read one of the scenarios below.
- Instruct the kids to hold up an emoji face with the emotion that goes with that scenario. (More than one emoji will fit some scenarios.)
- Repeat for each scenario.
- Collect the emoji faces to use at prayer time.

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Scenarios:

- Your best friend won the school spelling bee. (*emoji: surprised, happy*)
- You dad lost his job today. (*emoji: scared, sad, confused, angry*)
- Your brother hates math and says he doesn't understand it at all. (*emoji: confused*)
- Your family is finally going on a vacation. (*emoji: excited, happy*)
- A classmate tripped and fell in front of everyone and some kids laughed. (*emoji: embarrassed, angry, sad*)
- Your friend is playing soccer when a kid on the opposing team calls them names. (*emoji: sad, angry*)
- Your friend's grandmother is in the hospital. (*emoji: sad, scared, confused*)
- Your classmate got a brand-new hoverboard they saved months and months for. (*emoji: happy, excited*)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job, guys! What are we talking about this month? It starts with a 'K' and ends with an 'S.' That's right, kindness! Part of being kind is recognizing how other people feel by paying attention to their emotions. If someone is sad, what is the kind thing to do? (*Pause for responses.*) If someone is excited about something—even something that doesn't seem all that exciting to you—what is the kind thing to do? (*Pause for responses.*) When someone is worried or confused or scared, what is the kind thing to do? (*Pause for responses.*)"

"Remember, **be kind to others because God is kind to you.** God cares deeply about how you feel. He knows when you're happy, sad, scared, or embarrassed. He shows kindness and love always. And because He loves us that way, when we pay attention to the emotions of others, we show them how valuable they are to us. Let's be the type of friend who pays attention to people's feelings. And who knows, your small act of kindness might just turn a really bad day into a not-so-bad one."



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



3. MASKING TAPE VERSE [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, masking tape, and pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give a Bible to each kid.
- Help them look up Colossians 3:12 using the navigation tips below.

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Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Colossians in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find Colossians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Colossians. Help the kids find the page. When they find Colossians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 3. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 12 in chapter 3.

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- Once all of the kids find the Bible verse, read it out loud together.
- Give each kid a pen and a piece of masking tape that is long enough to write a few words on.
- Instruct the kids to put their masking tape lightly on the Bible, carpeted floor, or table. (Place the tape lightly enough to give them a surface to bear down on, but not hard enough that it won't come back up.)
- Assign a group of words to each kid to write on their piece of masking tape. Below are some sample verse breakdowns.
 - Eight kids: "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 (NIV)
 - 10 kids: "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
 - 12 kids: "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
- As the kids finish writing their phrase on their masking tape, instruct them to stick the tape on their left shoulder.
- Direct the kids to work together to line up in verse order as quickly as they can then say the verse together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I love this verse because it gives such a clear picture of what kindness should look like. Every morning, you grab a shirt or other pieces of clothing to wear,



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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25 MINUTES

right? Well, our verse this month reminds us every day to put on kindness as if it were your clothes. EVERY day, we have the opportunity to choose kindness. Every day, we have the opportunity to show others how God has been kind to us! We can be kind because God shows us how! You can **be kind to others because God is kind to you.**"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Emoji Faces" from "Emotional IQ" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Fan out the emoji faces.
- Let each kid choose one.
- Encourage the kids to spend a few minutes silently praying that God would help them show kindness like He does by paying attention to the feelings of the people around them.
- After a few moments of silence, close the group with a prayer like the one below.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and for always choosing to show kindness to us. You know how we feel, and You care about each one of us. Help us show that same kindness to others who are scared, happy, confused, surprised, or even embarrassed. Thank You for always showing kindness to us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their emoji faces and explain how paying attention to the way others feel is a way to show kindness as you choose to **be kind because God is kind to you.**

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Unkind to Kind" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Offering container
- Hand sanitizer
- Pencils

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Butcher paper; two to three feet piece for each small group
- Crayons
- Markers

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

* If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.

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- A Bible

- Strips of paper
- Pencils
- Small plastic bin or box

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[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Emoji Faces" Activity Pages on cardstock and cut apart; one face for each kid

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- Masking tape
- Pens

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Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Emoji Faces" from "Emotional IQ" Activity

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.