



WEEK
ONE

FEBRUARY 2021

SMALL GROUP

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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

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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
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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.

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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: Step by Step
Application Activity: Kindness Catcher
Memory Verse Activity: Can't Take My Eyes Off of You
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



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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: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offering in the container.
- Play a game similar to "Simon says" based on what the kids look like or what they are wearing.
- For example:
 - "If you have brown hair, do five jumping jacks."
 - "If you are wearing a red shirt, rub your belly."
- You can allow the kids to take turns being "Simon" and giving the instructions.
- Some action ideas:
 - Animal noises
 - Hop on one leg
 - Skip around the room
 - Clap your hands
 - Run in place
 - Pat your head



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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pair kids off with partners. Be sure to keep everyone a safe distance from one another.
- Instruct the kids to face each other, keeping physical distance between themselves.
- Assign one partner to be the "leader."
- The leader performs different motions that the "mirror/follower" has to mimick.
- In case kids get stuck for ideas, here are some possible motions they can do:
 - Wave hello
 - Jumping jacks
 - Shuffle side to side
 - Pat your head
- After a few moments, let the partners switch who leads.
- If time and interest allow, switch-up partners.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys did a great job at mimicking whatever action your partner did. You did it simply because that is what your partner did. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group and hear how we can follow God's actions.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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1. STEP BY STEP

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Stand on one end your small group space and position the kids on the other end.
- If you give an example of something kind that God has done for us, the kids can take two steps forward.
- If you give an example of something kind we can do for others, the kids can take one step forward.
- If a kid takes the wrong amount of steps, they go back to the beginning. The kid who gets to the leader first is the next person to say kind things God has done and that we can do.
- Examples of what to say:
 - Help your family with yardwork.
 - Cheer up your friend when they are sad.
 - God sent us Jesus.
 - Write a letter to your grandparent.
 - Help your family with dishes.
 - Jesus forgives our sins.
 - We forgive our friends.
 - Do a chore without being asked.
 - God gave us friends.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! I love the fact that because God is kind to us, we can be kind to others. Because God has forgiven us, we can forgive others. You guys came up with some really good examples of being kind. I want to challenge you to take a step toward someone else this week and do something kind for them because God is kind to you! Remember, you can **be kind to others because God is kind to you.**"



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*2. KINDNESS CATCHER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Kindness Catcher" Activity Page, markers, crayons or colored pencils, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Kindness Catcher" Activity Page.
- Guide kids to cut on the dotted lines to cut off the excess paper around the edges. You may need to help some of the younger kids with this.
- Prompt kids to write kind actions on the eight blank triangles in the middle of their kindness catchers.
- Some examples are:
 - Give a fist bump
 - Sing a song
 - Give a compliment
 - Tell a joke
- Once kids have written their kind actions, have them fold their kindness catchers.
- If you need a visual on how to fold the paper, do an internet search for "cootie catcher."
 - Start with folding on the red lines.
 - They will fold the letters back, not toward their kind actions.
 - Once all four corners are folded back, have them fold the corners back (the green lines).
 - At this point, their kindness catcher should be in the shape of a square.
 - One side will say "SHOW" and the other side will say "KINDNESS." (Note: the letters will be a little jumbled.)
 - The kid's pointer finger and thumb of each hand will slide under the letters for "SHOW."
- Let kids use their kindness catcher with a friend.
- Have a kid choose a letter from the word "SHOW."
- Whatever color that letter is, the kids will spell out the color (ex: R-E-D), moving their fingers up and down or side to side for each letter.
 - For example, if the color is "red," the kid would open and close the catcher three times.
- Then they'll end up on the the letters for either "KIND" or "NESS" and choose a letter that has a number on it.
- Then the kid will move their fingers that many times up and down and side to side.
- Now, the kid chooses a letter and lifts that flap. Whatever the kind action is they chose, they have to perform.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! These kindness catchers were SO fun to make and play with. The amazing thing is you get to take them home and use them with your family and friends. Whenever you use them, remember to **be kind to others because God is kind to you.**"



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(* 2. KINDNESS CATCHER, CONTINUED)

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when someone showed kindness to you and it reminded you of how kind God has been to you. Maybe it was a time when you really needed a friend and someone showed up for you. This may have reminded you of how God is so kind to ALWAYS be with us.) "Being kind to others, even just by using a kindness catcher, can remind others that God is kind to us."



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3. CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Week 1" Activity Page, wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Help kids look up and read the verse using the Bible navigation tips below.

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Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide kids to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word Colossians at the top of the page as you read "Colossians" aloud. Then guide kids to find the big number 3 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 3 for the little 12; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

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Finding verses with 1st 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." You can help by telling them that Colossians starts with the letters C-O. 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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- Reread the first two sentences.
 - Explain that God has chosen us and we are loved more than we could possible know.
- Tape the activity pages onto the wall in order at the kids' eye level.
- Have kids sit in a spaced out area and read the verse three or four times together from the words on the wall.
 - You can do these in silly ways and in silly voices; i.e., like a mouse, like a cowboy, or super slow.
- Once you have repeated it multiple times, choose a kid from your group to take one page down from the wall.
- Prompt your group to say the entire verse, including the missing word or phrase.
- Choose another kid to take down a page then recite the verse as a group.
- Repeat until all the words are gone and the whole group can say the verse without the words on the wall.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"In order for us to be kind, we need to remember that God was kind to us and



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(3. CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU, CONTINUED)

loves us more than we could ever imagine. God **CHOSE** us to be His. That sure is kind. We all do the wrong thing sometimes, but no matter what, God still chooses us over and over again. How kind is THAT? We are dearly loved by Him. I can't think of anything that is more kind than God loving us. What are some ways we know God is kind to us? (*He sent us Jesus; He chose us; He made the world; He created us; etc.*) What are some ways we can be kind to others because God is kind to us? (*sharing our toys; doing chores without being asked; writing a letter to someone; giving a hug; etc.*)

(NOTE: Some kids—especially younger ones—may struggle to think of examples. Just ask prompting questions to help them.)

“As we continue to learn about God’s kindness to us, we can learn to be kind to others. And you can **be kind to others because God is kind to you.**”



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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Kindness catchers from "Kindness Catcher" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask each kid to hold their kindness catcher and tell you one way God has shown His kindness to them and one way they can show kindness to others.
- Pray that God will help each of them remember His kindness, so they can show kindness to others.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You can **be kind to others because God is kind to you**. One of the things I love most about God's kindness is that no matter what I do, He will always be kind to me. God will ALWAYS forgive us and ALWAYS be kind to us. Because He has shown us how, we can do that, too. It won't always be easy, but just like we can choose to ask someone to play with our kindness catcher with us, we can choose to be kind without our kindness catcher, too. Because of God's amazing kindness and love for us, we can find even MORE ways to be kind than the ones we wrote in our kindness catcher.

"I'm so proud of each of you and the kind actions you chose to put in your kindness catcher. Now, we can leave here and be kind to everyone we see because of God's kindness to us. Let's pray and ask God to help us.

"Dear God, we know that on our own it is really hard to be kind. Help us remember that we can be kind to others because You are kind to us. Help us always remember the ways You are kind to us. We are especially thankful for the kindest thing You have ever done, giving us Jesus. Help us take a step toward someone else and be kind. We love You and are so thankful You love us and chose us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their kindness catcher and remind them to **be kind to others 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 Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

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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- Scissors

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Memory Verse Week 1" Activity Pages on cardstock; one set for each small group
- Wall tape

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[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Kindness catchers from "Kindness Catcher" Activity

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

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- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.