



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Family Ties**  
Ruth and Boaz  
Ruth

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to your family  
and friends.

### 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 ("Live You Love" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop* 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: Barley Race  
Application Activity: Kindness Goes Deep  
Memory Verse Activity: Kind Clothes  
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 CONNECT**

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for your few as their families continue to navigate a difficult situation. Pray especially for kids who are still spending the majority of their time with their immediate family. Ask God to give everyone the patience and grace to continue being kind to those they see most often.*

*Pray that kids would not take their close family and friend relationships for granted. Ask God to give them ideas for how they can make sure those people know they are valuable.*

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

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**1. EARLY ARRIVER**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite kids to put their offering in the container.
- Gather kids in a spaced out area and ask them some of the following questions:
  - What is your favorite thing to do with your family?
  - Where is your favorite place to go together?
  - What is your favorite meal to eat together?
  - What games do you play with your family?
- Ask the same questions about their friends if time allows.

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15 MINUTES

**MADE TO IMAGINE**

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



**2. OPENING ACTIVITY**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Prompt kids to think of any type of kind action.
- Call on kids as their ideas pop up and let them (silently) act-out their kind action while the group tries to guess

what it is.

- Repeat as many times as time and interest allow.
- Here are some examples to help those who may struggle to come up with ideas:
  - Sweeping the floor
  - Giving a hug
  - Writing a note
  - Folding the laundry
  - Cooking dinner
  - Singing a song

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You guys did a great job acting out kind things that you can do for others. You also did a great job seeing someone else doing something kind and recognizing what that action was. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group and hear a story about how to be kind, even when it's really hard.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



**1. BARLEY RACE**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Pool noodles, laundry baskets or buckets, box cutter or sharp knife

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Split kids into three or four teams (the more teams you have, the fewer kids will be sitting and more will be participating at one time).
- Line up the baskets or buckets about five feet apart from each other.
- Assign each team a bucket and guide kids to sit down in a single file line behind their team’s basket or bucket.
- Lay one piece of “barley” (pool noodle piece) on the floor across the room from the teams and position yourself nearby.
- Read the statements below, one at a time.
- For each TRUE statement about today’s Bible story, the first kid in line for their team will race to the piece of “barley” and try to get it before the other teams do then race back to put it in their basket.
- If kids start to race for the barley after a false statement is read, let them continue the race, but whoever wins doesn’t get to keep the barley.
- The team with the most pieces of “barley,” wins.
- Story Review Statements:
  - Ruth was Naomi’s daughter-in-law. *(True)*
  - Naomi told her daughters-in-law to leaver her. *(True)*
  - Ruth AND Orpah both stayed with Naomi. *(False)*
  - Ruth followed and traveled with Naomi back to her homeland. *(True)*
  - Ruth refused to pick food for them because she was tired. *(False)*
  - Ruth went into Boaz’s fields and picked grain. *(Truth)*
  - Ruth was lazy and slept a lot. *(False)*
  - Boaz was kind to Ruth. *(True)*
  - Ruth was kind to Naomi. *(True)*
  - Boaz never offered Ruth water and food. *(False)*
  - Boaz was kind to Ruth because he heard of how kind Ruth was kind to Naomi. *(True)*
  - Naomi wanted to live alone with Ruth forever. *(False)*
  - Boaz didn’t want to help Ruth and Naomi. *(False)*
  - Boaz married Ruth. *(True)*
  - Ruth and Boaz’s great grandson was King David. *(True)*

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**BASIC TRUTH**

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“Wow! You guys were so good at that game, and SO fast! You guys listened so well to our Bible story today. Ruth was kind to her family member, Naomi. She could have just left her, but instead she stayed with her and cared for her. Boaz was kind to his family by letting Ruth pick grain in his fields and by marrying her so he could protect her. There are so many ways you can **be kind to your family and friends.**”



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO EXPLORE**

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



**\*2. KINDNESS GOES DEEP**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Absorbant paper towels, permanent markers, washable markers, shallow tray or pan, and water

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a paper towel and guide them to fold it in half.

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Family Ties**

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- Give each kid a permanent marker and instruct them to draw their family or their closest friends on the top of their paper towel.
  - Monitor kids closely when using permanent markers.
  - Remind them to sit still while holding permanent markers, to put the caps back on as soon as they're finished drawing, and not to touch their clothes or skin with the marker.
- Their pictures should bleed through onto the inside of their paper towel.
- Then give kids WASHABLE markers to color the inside of their paper towel however they want.
- They can color the entire page or just color the parts of the drawings that bled through.

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**Be kind to your family and friends.**

**NOTE: It is very important to use permanent markers for the top drawing and washable markers for the inside coloring or this won't work properly.**

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- Once they have colored the inside of their paper towel, have kids fold it closed so you can only see the top picture of their family.
- One at a time, have the kids place their closed paper towel in the tray of water.
- Watch as the colors from the inside bleed through to the top picture.
- Allow each kid to have a turn.
- While kids are taking turns, ask kids to give examples of how they can specifically be kind to their friends and family.
  - Sometimes being kind means we stop talking when we aren't using kind words.
  - Sometimes kindness is going into another room and giving space when one family member is having a tough day.
  - Sometimes kindness is choosing to help a sibling with something even though they didn't share a toy with you earlier in the day.

**MONTHLY LIFE APP**

**Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them**

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Wow! You guys are great artists! These pictures of your families are so good. Just like our colors spread to our top picture, our kindness can spread, especially to our family and those we live with. When we are kind to people at home, it tends to make everyone want to be kind and puts everyone in a better mood. Kindness spreads! Just like in our Bible story, Boaz saw that Ruth was kind to Naomi and it made him want to be kind to Ruth. This shows that you can and should **be kind to your family and friends.**"



WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-1**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**(\* 2. KINDNESS GOES DEEP, CONTINUED)**

*[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when someone in your family was kind to you and it put you in a better mood and made you want to be kind. Maybe it was a time when your brother did your chores for you and it encouraged you to do the same for him another day.)*

“Sometimes, the hardest people to be kind to can be our family and friends. We spend a lot of time with them, and it can be really easy to be unkind to them. But God reminds us through our Bible story today that you can choose to **be kind to your family and friends**. When we make that choice, it can spread to others in our family and help everyone be kinder.”





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. KIND CLOTHES

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Kind Clothes" Activity Page, over-sized button up shirts, and tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Help kids look up and read (or follow along as you read) Colossians 3:12 using the Bible navigation tips from Week 1.
- Reread the third sentence, "So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were clothes." (NirV)
  - Explain to kids that the same way we choose to put on clothes every morning, we can choose to be tender, show mercy, and be kind (especially to our family).
  - You wouldn't walk around without clothes, so don't walk around without being kind!
- Tape the activity pages onto the back of the over-sized shirts, one page per shirt.
- Choose six kids to put on the over-sized shirts.
- Instruct those kids to mingle around a bit then come back and line up (in no particular order) with their backs to rest of the group. If they happen to be in the right order, help mix them up.
- Let the rest of the group rearrange them to get them in the right order.
  - To keep safe physical distance, instruct kids to give verbal instructions on where to stand and in what order instead of touching their friends to move them. For example, "Lacey, you're first. Keenan, you're third. Leticia, you go between them."
- Once they are in the right order, have the group read the verse together multiple times.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Last week, we learned that God chose us. This week, we're learning that we can choose to put on kindness. Just like we choose to put on our clothes and which clothes we want to wear, we can choose tender mercy and kindness in the same way. What are some ways we can choose to put on kindness around our family? (*doing chores without being asked; helping make dinner; cleaning our room without being asked; etc.*) What are some ways we can choose to put on kindness around our friends? (*sharing our favorite toys; writing them a note; telling them how thankful we are for them; etc.*)

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

"There are so many ways you can **be kind to your family and friends**, and they are some of the most important people to be kind to."



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:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Go around the circle quickly, letting each kid name one person in their family or one close friend.
- Keep going around the circle, as fast as possible, until someone messes up and can't think of a name quickly enough!
- Close by reminding kids that one of the ways to show kindness to the people we love is to pray for them.
- Pray that God will help each of them remember to be kind to their family and friends.

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Family Ties**  
Ruth and Boaz  
Ruth

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"You can **be kind to your family and friends**. Sometimes the people we love the most can be the hardest to be kind to at times. Sometimes kindness means stopping your words when you're being unkind. Kindness can look like doing something for someone at home. It can look like giving a hug when someone we love is having a hard day. Kindness can look different in so many ways, but one thing that is definitely kind is praying for your family and friends. Just talking to God about them.

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**Be kind to your family and friends.**

"I'm so proud of each of you and the ways we have talked about spreading kindness to our family and friends today. Let's pray for our family and friends and pray that we choose to put on kindness around them.

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"Dear God, we know it can be really hard to show kindness to our friends and family, but with Your help, we can choose to put kindness on around them. We pray for every family member or friend we mentioned a few minutes ago, and we ask that You help them choose kindness, too. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

**MONTHLY LIFE APP**

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to tell their family about the paper towel art they made and to **be kind to your family and friends**.

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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 Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container

#### 2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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

##### 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.

#### 1. BARLEY RACE

##### [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

*Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pool noodles, several
- Box cutter or sharp knife
  - Cut the pool noodles into quarters.
- Three or four baskets or buckets

#### \*2. KINDNESS GOES DEEP

##### [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

*Made to Explore:* an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Absorbant paper towels; one for each kid
- Permanent markers; one for each kid
- Washable markers
- Shallow tray or pan
- Water
  - Fill the tray or pan with water.

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##### [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Kind Clothes" Activity Page on cardstock; one set for each small group
- Tape
- Six over-sized button up shirts

#### 4. PRAY AND DISMISS

##### [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

#### 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**.