



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Hey Brother
Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to people who are different from you.

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 ("Made in the Image" from *Little Praise Party: Ready Set Go* 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: Act It Out
Application Activity: Kindness Chain
Memory Verse Activity: Game Scramble
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



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

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



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids understand that kindness is about more than just being nice to someone. It's about actions communicating someone's value. Pray that kids would see others through God's eyes, as His valued creations. Ask God to help each of your few find common ground with the people in their lives they have difficulty being kind to and the people they don't easily get along with.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: "What's Different" Activity Page, offering container, and pencils

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offering in the container.
- Give each kid a "What's Different?" Activity Page.
- Tell them there will be ten differences between the two pictures.
- Give them time to find and circle all ten difference.

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MADE TO MOVE

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Hand sanitizer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Prompt everyone to get a pump of hand sanitizer before starting this game.
- Guide the group to line up shoulder to shoulder (along a wall if you have one nearby), spaced out as much as possible, while you stand in the middle of your group's space.
- Make a statement about something that could be true of any of your kids.
- Anyone that the statement describes must run down and high-five you then run back to the group.
- Use some of the examples below, but feel free to get creative and even a bit silly, based on what you know about your kids.
 - If you love hotdogs . . . give me a high-five.
 - If you have curly hair . . .
 - If you are wearing a red shirt . . .
 - If you have brown eyes . . .
 - If you are left-handed . . .
 - If you have a reptile as a pet . . .
 - If you play an instrument . . .
- Play as long as time and interest allow.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Whoa. There are so many things that make us all different from one another. It would be super-boring if we were all the same, wouldn't it? **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group and hear a Bible Story about someone who needed help and got it from the most unlikely source.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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1. ACT IT OUT
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, (optional) props and costumes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the group and space them out in an open area.
- Ask for some volunteers to act out the Bible story.

NOTE: Don't force anyone to participate if they are resistant. Most kids will join in once they see other kids enjoying themselves, though.

- Assign each kid a role in the story. If you don't have enough kids to act-out all the roles, kids can play multiple roles as long as they don't happen at the same time.
- Roles:
 - Jesus
 - Law expert
 - Injured man
 - Robbers
 - Priest or pastor
 - Levite
 - Samaritan
 - Donkey
 - Innkeeper
- Guide the kids who are acting out the story to stand in front of the rest of the group.
- Read Luke 10:25-37 out loud while the kids act out their parts of the story.
 - You will have to help them know what to do as you read the story, so pause whenever needed and give direction.
- If you have more kids who want a turn to act it out, call out "FREEZE" in the middle of the story and switch in kids who still need a role to play.
 - You can do this to switch out kids who haven't had a turn or to let kids switch roles just for fun.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys did an amazing job acting out our Bible story from today. Jesus wants you to **be kind to people who are different from you**. Sometimes, it can be hard to be kind to people who are different than us. When we remember that God made and loves ALL people, it's a little easier for us to be like the Samaritan who helped and be kind to people who are different than us."



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*2. KINDNESS CHAIN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Slips of construction paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and clear tape or a stapler

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid four slips of construction paper and a crayon, marker, or pencil.
- Encourage kids to write their own name on one slip of paper.
- Next, they will tape or staple that slip of paper with their name on it into a circle with their name facing the outside.
- Guide the kids to think of someone who is different than them and write that name on another slip.
 - This could be someone who doesn't like the same movies or toys they do; someone they don't get along with during circle time; or someone whose family is different than theirs.
- Next, prompt them to think of two ways they could be kind to that person who is different than them.
- Ask kids to write their two kind things on the other two slips of paper (one kind act per slip of paper).
- Make a paper chain using tape or a stapler.
- Start with the circle with the kid's name on it then loop one of the pieces of paper with the kind action on it through the name one and make another circle.
- Repeat with the other slip of paper with the kind thing on it then the slip with the name of the person who is different than them.
- Each kid should have a paper chain with four connected circles.
- Tell kids that kindness can actually connect them to the person who is different than them.
- Challenge them to do those kind things they thought of this week.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I love all the kind things you guys thought of to do for the person who is different than you. Sometimes, it feels like we don't have a lot in common with someone who is different than us, but kindness can connect us to that person. Being kind to them can help us realize we have a lot more in common than we thought. God can help you **be kind to people who are different from you.**"

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when someone who was different than you did something kind for you. Maybe you were in the car with someone who really likes to listen to country music, but you like pop music and they let you listen to your pop music.)

"Sometimes, we wish everyone liked all the same things as us or looked the same way we do, but God made us all so special and wanted us to be different so we could learn from each other. Don't forget that you can **be kind to people who are different from you**, just like the Samaritan from our Bible story today."



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



3. GAME SCRAMBLE
[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Option 1:** "Game Scramble" Activity Page, Ker Plunk™ game
- Option 2:** Large container; playground balls; baskets, buckets, or boxes; and a permanent marker

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WHAT YOU DO:

Option 1:

- Set up the game and place the verse strips from "Game Scramble" on top of the balls of the game.
- Each kid will get to pull one stick at a time out of the game. The kids can count how many sticks they pull out before the balls fall.
- Once the balls fall and the pieces of paper with them, they will put the slips of paper in order to read the verse out loud. (Activity pages are numbered to help non-readers).

Option 2:

- Use a permanent marker to write a word or phrase from the memory verse on a ball until you have every word on a ball.
- Fill the large container with the playground balls that AREN'T written on and mix in the ones that have words on them.
- Set the container full of playground balls in the middle of the small group area.
- Split kids into teams of three or four and have them place their box or basket somewhere against a wall in the room.
- Line teams up behind their bucket. When the leader says, "Go," they run to the container full of balls one at a time and get one ball.
- As soon as they place the ball in their team's bucket, the next kid from their team goes.
- The goal is to empty the large container and see which team has the most balls by the end.
- Once the large container is empty, have each team go through their bucket to find any balls with the memory verse words on them.
- Instruct kids to bring the balls with words back to the large container and place them inside.
- Have the entire group sit around the large container, but still spaced out safely.
- Ask them to help you put the balls in order and say the memory verse together.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to people who are different from you.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"We have learned that God chose us and that we can choose to put on kindness just like we choose to put on clothes. God tells us right here in our Bible verse to be kind and not just sometimes, but always, to everyone. It can be really hard to be kind ALL THE TIME and to EVERYONE. But just because it's hard and we won't get it right all the time, doesn't mean we shouldn't try. It

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WEEK
FOUR
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SMALL GROUP
K-1

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

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

seemed really hard to [put those memory verse phrases together / empty that big container of balls], but you guys did it! It also seemed really hard to get all the words in order . . . because that are a lot of words! But we did it! And you can do the hard things, too, and **be kind to people who are different from 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: Kindness chains from "Kindness Chain" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage each kid to hold their kindness chain.
- Remind them they can be kind to people who are different than them.
- Challenge them to do the kind things they wrote down for the person who is different than them.
- Pray for God to help each kid reach out to that person who is different and be kind to them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You can **be kind to people who are different from you**. Our kindness chains can remind us to be kind to not just this person but all people who are different than us. You guys get to take your kindness chains home, and I hope they remind you that kindness can connect you to someone who seems different than you. No matter what your differences are, God made you and anyone who is different than you. Isn't that cool?"

"I'm so proud of each of you and the ways you chose to show kindness to the people in your life who are different than you. Let's pray and ask God to help us do these things we wrote down and be kind to people who are different than us.

"Dear God, we are so thankful for true stories in the Bible that teach us to be kind to people who are different than us. Help us be kind and do the kind things we wrote down. It may not always be easy to be kind to people who are different than us, but with Your help, we can be. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show their family their kindness chains and **be kind to people who are different from you**.

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PRELUDE

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HOME

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "What's Different" Activity Page; one for each kid
- Pencils
- 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:

- Hand sanitizer

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. ACT IT OUT

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- (Optional) Props and costumes, enough for each kid so that they do not share

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Slips of construction paper (about 3" x 8 ½"); four for each kid
- Markers, crayons, and colored pencils
- Clear tape or stapler

3. GAME SCRAMBLE

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WHAT YOU NEED:

Option 1:

- Print the "Game Scramble" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; one set for each small group
- Ker Plunk™ game

Option 2:

- Large container (storage container or kiddie pool)
- Playground balls, enough to write words and phrases of the memory verse on plus extra
- Permanent marker
- Five boxes, baskets, or buckets

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:

- Kindness chains from "Kindness Chain" 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**.