

City SG—July 3rd, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Be Kind (The Good Samaritan) • *Luke 10:25-37*

Today's Bottom Line: Show kindness to others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6 (NIRV)

1. Verse Wave

Non-Reader Option highlighted below

What You Need: Bible, Bible Verse Phrase Cards (1 set printed on Cardstock per Group)

What You Do:

- Read Philippians 1:6 to your group several times.
- After reading the verse together, assign each kid a short phrase of the verse by handing them a Bible Verse Phrase Card. **Numbers will be on the Phrase Cards**
- Ask the kid who was assigned “God began” to stand up and recite the phrase they were assigned while making the human wave motion with their arms.
- As the first kid sits down, instruct the kid who was assigned the second phrase to stand up and repeat the same process.
Help kids who need it to know which phrase they are assigned by reading it to them and having them repeat it a few times back to you.
- Continue until the entire verse has been recited a few times.
- To make it fun, increase or decrease the speed of the wave.

What You Say:

“Paul, the author of this verse, was telling us to be confident about something very important! He was not talking about having self-confidence and trusting in your own strength and abilities, but rather having Christ-confidence. When you put your trust in Jesus, you allow God to start working in you. God promises to be faithful and complete the work in your life so you can accomplish good things and show everyone else who God is. One of those good things includes learning how to **[Bottom Line] show kindness to everyone.**”

2. Kind or Unkind

What You Need: “Kind and Unkind” Activity Page (1 per Group), floor tape

What You Do:

- Use the floor tape to divide the playing area into two zones.
- Designate opposite ends of the room to be “kind” and “unkind” zones.
- Instruct the kids to stand in the middle of your area.
- Tell the group that you will read different scenarios from the Activity Page.
- Direct the kids to run to the “kind” zone if they think the scenario is kind.
- Instruct the kids to run to the “unkind” zone if they think the scenario is unkind.
- Once each kid picks a zone, ask them to share why they picked that zone.
 - If a kid picks the unkind zone, encourage them to think of words or actions that can make the scenario kind.
- After each scenario, instruct the kids to return to the middle.

What You Say:

“You did a great job of coming up with ways to turn unkind words and actions into kind ones! The options really are endless for how we can show kindness to others. Maybe it’s the new girl in school who doesn’t have any friends yet. Or perhaps it’s the person you know who doesn’t have as many toys or as much to eat as you.

Whoever it may be, we can change the world around us when we decide to **[Bottom Line] show kindness to others.**

3. Catch the Wave

What You Need: “Catch the Wave” Activity Page, Bibles

What You Do:

- Read Philippians 1:6 to your group:
God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6 (NirV)
- Unpack the phrase “God began a good work,” emphasizing that when we put our faith in Jesus, we have God’s Spirit to help us. God’s Spirit helps us **[Bottom Line] show kindness to others.**
- Lead kids in a variation of “Mother, May I?”
- Help kids get into pairs and line up shoulder to shoulder at one end of your environment while you stand at the opposite end. (Playing in pairs can help shy or reluctant kids enjoy the game more.)
- Call out the names of the kids in one group and read a scenario from the “Catch the Wave” Activity Page.
- If you run out of scenarios, create your own or simply repeat some “Catch the Wave” scenarios—repetition is a great teacher!
- Encourage the kids to either pantomime OR say how they could show kindness in that situation. If they’re stuck, offer two alternatives and allow them to choose.
- When they answer, say, “Yes! God began a good work in you. Move forward [number and kind of steps].” (Examples: *two giant steps, three jellyfish wiggles, one big hop*)
- The game ends when every kid reaches you.

What You Say:

“When you put your faith in Jesus, God gives you the Holy Spirit to help you. Part of what the Holy Spirit can do is help you **[Bottom Line] show kindness to everyone.** You can show kindness to kids at the park. You can show kindness to kids at the pool. You can show kindness to kids in your neighborhood. The Holy Spirit can help you **[Bottom Line] show kindness to others.** So this week, remember to **[Bottom Line] show kindness to others.**”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Say:

“God, I know we often get busy and sometimes forget to focus on being kind. But, as I think of the awesome things You have done for me and these kids, I want us to remember to be kind to everyone we meet. Please help us remember that we can be kind to others because You are kind to us. Show us and teach us ways we can **[Bottom Line] show kindness to others** so we can change the world around us for You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen!”