

**July Week 1**  
Garden  
Making Waves

July 3

# CRAFT

*I can choose Kindness*

**SUPPLIES:** Being Kind is cool page, large stamp pad, crayons, large heart sticker, wet wipes

## What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out the Being Kind is cool page.**

- *“Friends, today we heard a story about choosing kindness. The Samaritan chose kindness when he helped the hurt man. And we can choose kindness, too! We are choosing kindness when we give a hug, use kind words, share our toys, or help a friend.*
- *Let’s make a craft to help us remember to choose kindness. Because Kindness is cool! Our page says, Being Kind is cool. Jesus can help me choose kindness. Jesus can help me do everything!”*

⇒ **Pass out crayons.**

- *“First, I want you to decorate the letters on this page with your crayons, but make sure you leave this middle space open.”*

⇒ **Go from child to child and help them press their hand firmly on the ink pad and then on their paper. Hand them a wet wipe.**

*(Modification: if a child is uncomfortable with ink on their hands, help them trace their handprint.)*

- *“While you are coloring, we are going to come around and help you make a handprint on your page. It will be just like our kindness poster with the hands on it!”*

⇒ **Give each child a heart sticker to place in the center of the handprint.**

- *“Our final step is to place this heart right in the center of your handprint.”*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Friends, these look awesome! They will be the perfect reminder for you to choose kindness. I’m so glad we have Jesus to help us!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Pin the Bandage on the Hurt Man*

**SUPPLIES:** Hurt man poster, Bandage stickers, wall tape

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Gather children for the activity.**

- *“Friends, come over here with me. Today in our bible story we heard about a man who chose kindness and helped the hurt man!”*
- *Do you see the picture of the hurt man on the wall? We can give him a bandage to help!*

⇒ **Have each child take a turn by closing their eyes and reaching out to place the bandage on the hurt man.**

- *“Let’s take turns. When it’s your turn I want you to stand in front of the man, close your eyes, and try to stick your bandage on the hurt man. Everyone will have a turn!”*

⇒ **Finish the activity and bring it back to Jesus.**

- *“Good job, friends! The Samaritan man in our story helped the hurt man. He chose kindness. And guess what?! Jesus can help us choose kindness, too. Jesus can help us do everything! Tell me....”*
- ***Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Bottom Line Hop*

**SUPPLIES:** 6 hula hoops placed very closely together on the floor

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends, all summer long we have been learning that we can love like Jesus and we can show everyone around us his love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness.*
- *And do we have to do these things alone? No way! Who can help you do everything?*
- *Jesus can help me do everything!”*

⇒ **Show children the hula hoops. Demonstrate how to hop from hoop to hoop as you say each word.**

- *“Friends, I am going to ask you, ‘Who can help you do everything?’ and I want you to jump like this as you say –*
- *‘Jesus (hop) can (hop) help (hop) me (hop) do (hop) everything (hop)!*

⇒ **Have each child take a turn.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Friends, I am so thankful God sent Jesus to be our friend forever because Jesus can help us do everything!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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## **STEP 3**

*Read-Ask-Practice-Pray*

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

### **READ A BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK**

⇒ *9 Fruits Alive*

⇒ *Jesus Loves Me*

⇒ *Jesus is With Me*

### **ASK A QUESTION**

Who can help you with everything?

Jesus can help me with everything!

### **PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE**

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’” John 14:6

### **SAY A PRAYER**

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.