

Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Read: Romans 12:10

DAY

1

It's Different

The list below shows opposites or things that are different from each other. With someone else, act out the list of opposites below:

Big - Little

Close - Far

Fast - Slow

Happy - Sad

Loud - Soft

LOOK for ways to show kindness to people who are different from you.

DAY

2

Good Samaritan

This week's story was about the Good Samaritan. Draw a picture of you being a Good Samaritan to someone in your family or at school. It doesn't have to be as dramatic as the story Jesus told—if you look around, you'll see others who need help in big and small ways!

THANK God for helping you see when others need help.

DAY

3

Love and Honor

Read this week's verse, Romans 12:10. When we honor someone we show them respect! Have your adult write out the words to this verse on a piece of paper. Read the verse aloud and then block out one of the words and try to fill in the blank. Do this until you have blocked out every word and you are doing the verse from memory!

KNOW that you can love and honor others as Jesus did.

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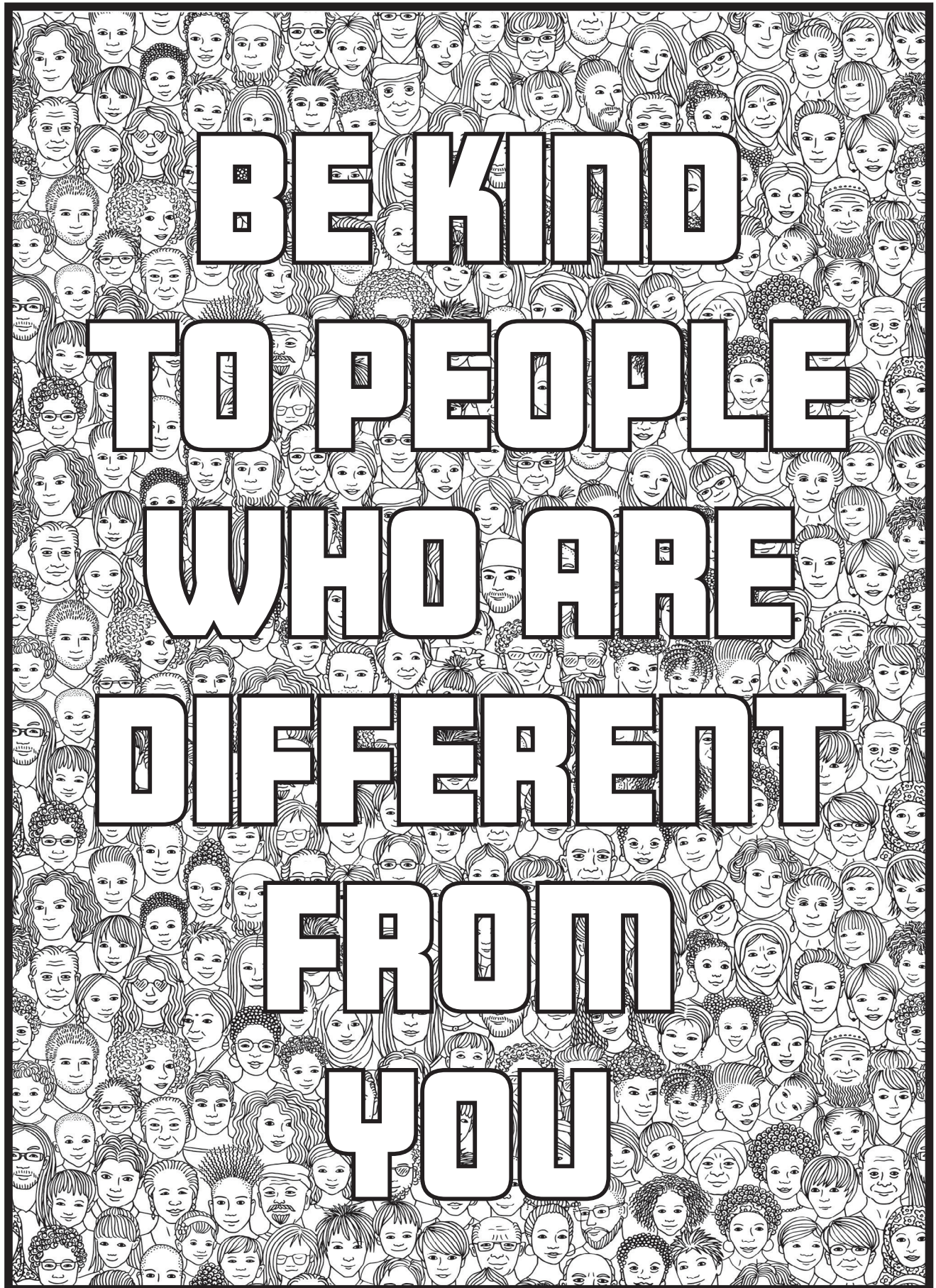
Be Different, Be Kind

We can show others we are different by the way we treat them. Jesus showed us how to love everyone, no matter how different they are. Pray and ask God to help you see others.

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 "Dear God, thank You for showing me how to be different and love always. I pray that I can always see others the way You see them. I pray that I can be kind and loving. Amen."  
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ASK God to help you be kind to people who are different from you.

Be kind to people who are different from you.





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DAY 1

Read Luke 10:36–37

Jesus often told stories to help His audience understand His teaching. When He told this story, His audience knew that Jews and Samaritans were NOT friends. In fact, Jews would travel out of their way to avoid going through Samaria.

In Jesus' story, it was a Samaritan who stopped and helped the hurt man, not a fellow Jew. The Samaritan showed kindness, even though Jews and Samaritans were very different from one another. Jesus ended His story by saying, "Go and do as he did." Jesus was reminding us that kindness is for everyone, even the people you'd say are nothing like you.

Like a Good Neighbor

Grab a piece of paper and draw a picture of this story in 2024. Read Luke 10:25–37 if you need to. Somewhere on the page, write, "Be kind to people who are different from you." Share this picture with your family and talk about ways you followed Jesus' words to "go and do as he did" and showed kindness to others this week.

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 11:17

What happens when you choose kindness? What happens when you choose meanness instead? This verse makes it pretty clear. Kindness leads to good things. Meanness leads to trouble.

Think about it: When someone hurts you and you hurt them back, the problems just get worse and worse. Meanness leads to more meanness, but when you choose kindness, it benefits you. It's GOOD for you. Even if the person who hurts you doesn't respond in a kind way back, when YOU choose kindness, you always walk away on the winning side.

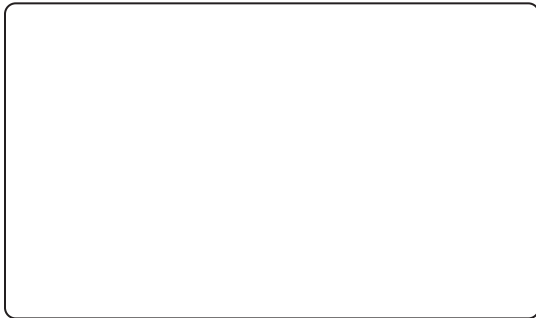
Time For Kindness

Grab a piece of paper and fold it into four sections. Inside each section, write down the following times of day—breakfast, lunch, dinner, and bedtime. Beside each time of day, write down the names of one or two people you usually see during those times. Then draw a picture or write down a way you can show kindness instead of meanness to the people you've listed at those times of day.

DAY 3

Read Hebrews 13:2

Who is your favorite sports team? In the box, write out your favorite chant, cheer, or tagline to represent that team. Feel free to use team colors if you'd like.



Who is your favorite team's biggest rival?

What if for the next month, someone from that team showed up each morning at your front door, decked out in their team colors to sing their fight song? How would you respond? Would you invite them in for breakfast? Would you stop and tap your feet along to their catchy tune?

God wants you to show kindness to everyone. When you welcome and love and care for people who are different from you, even people who root for the "wrong" team, you're acting just like Jesus would! Kindness shouldn't be something we only offer some people. Kindness is for everyone, no matter who they root for!

DAY 4

Read Matthew 5:43-44

When you talk to God, what do you talk about? After you thank God for your food. . . or your family. . . for what you want and need. . . what do you REALLY say to God?

Do you pray for other people?

Do you pray for those who HURT you?

Do you stop to ask God to bless them? To protect them? To keep them safe?

Loving your enemies is really hard, but that's what Jesus tells us to do. A good way to start to be kind to others who aren't kind to you is to pray for them. Ask God to change your heart towards them, to help forgive them for the wrong they've done, and choose to respond with kindness.

Don't think you can? There's no better time than right now. Think about someone who hurt you this week. Bow your head and take some time to pray for that person, right now.

Be kind to people who are different from you.



Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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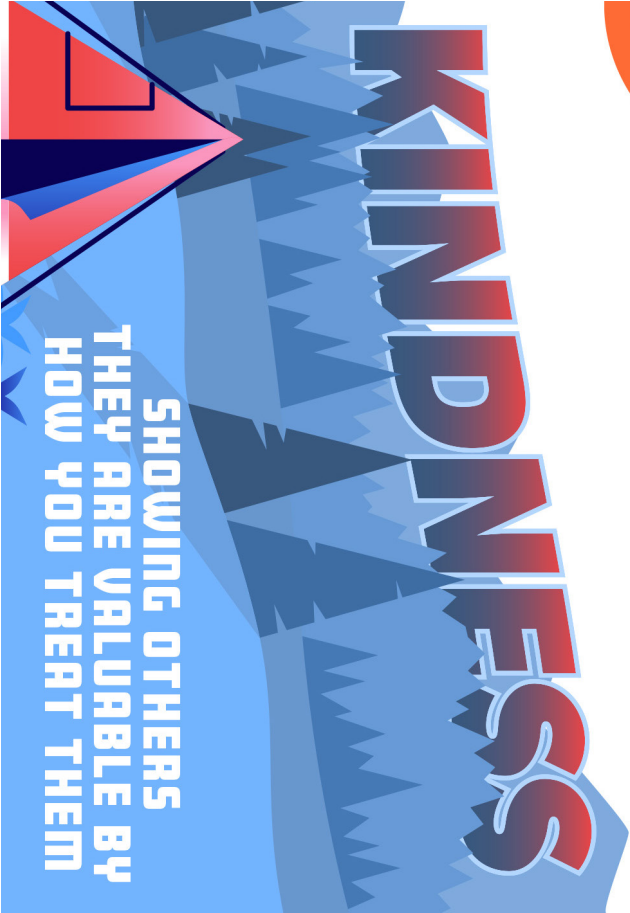
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February
2024

Week Four
4th-5th



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

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Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

2. You learned:

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Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

3. You'd like to know:

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A Devotional on Kindness.

FOR AN **everyday faith.**

Day 2

Read Luke 10:25-37

After you read Luke 10:25-37, go back and underline all the questions. (Hint: there are five.)

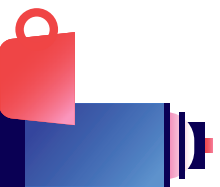
The religious teacher thought he was going to trip up Jesus with his first question, “What must I do to receive eternal life?”

But Jesus knew the man didn’t really want the Truth. He wanted to know the least he could do to get by. So Jesus answered the religious leader with a story and a question, “who was his neighbor?”

The answer wasn’t what anyone expected. The two men that passed the injured man by were religious leaders. Surely they would qualify as a neighbor! They not only followed the letter of the law, they led others to do the same. But... when there was someone in need—they were not kind.

But the Samaritan, someone considered an outcast, or an “other”—even an enemy of the Jews—he was kind to this Jewish man lying injured on the side of the road. He was the real neighbor.

The story Jesus told demonstrated to everyone that it didn’t matter how many rules you followed, or what religious rituals you held... that following Jesus means loving God and loving others—even those who are different from you.



Day 3

Be kind to others. Sounds simple enough, right?

Be kind to people who are different from you.
Hmmm, maybe not so easy.

The good news is, we don’t have to do this on our own. God wants to help us be kind to everyone. That’s why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us—so we can be kind just like He was! Take a few minutes to ask God for help being kind. Be sure and mention the people you find it hard to be kind to, or maybe the situations (like when you’re stressed or hungry) when being kind is most challenging.

Dear God, thank You for sending

Jesus to show me what it looks like to

be kind to people who are different from me. I want to be kind like Jesus,

but I need Your help. I personally find

it hard to be kind to _____

_____, and especially

when I am feeling _____

_____, Help me to show

others they are valuable by how I treat

them. In Jesus’ Name, I pray, **Amen.**

Day 4

How can you care for people who are different from you?

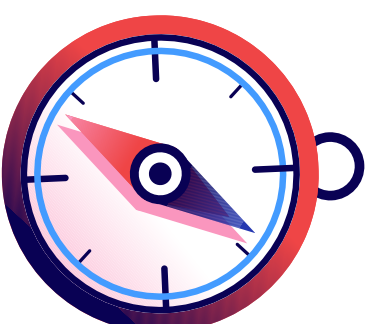
Don’t write the answers down but answer in your head. Who in your life:

- Are you most like?
- Do you struggle being kind to?
- Do you find it easiest to love?
- Are you most different from?

Are your answers for 1 and 3 the same? And you probably got the same answer for 2 and 4 too, didn’t you?

It’s natural to find it easier to be kind to the people that we relate to the most, the people who we “get,” and who understand us. But Jesus taught us that true kindness means being kind to everyone. Think of the Good Samaritan. He was considered an outcast, but he was kind to someone who was very different from him.

Today, find a way to reach out and be kind to the person (or people) you thought of for questions 2 and 4. Use your words to encourage them, but also consider an act of kindness to go along with your words!



Day 5

Gather up seven of something—could be stuffed animals or other toys, or it could be other random objects around your house... like books or pillows.

Assign each object one of the following roles to play:

- The “Man”
- The robbers (2)
- The priest
- The Levite
- The Samaritan
- The innkeeper

Challenge your memory of the story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan by using the objects to act out what happens. Then check your work by going back to read the passage one more time (Luke 10:25-37).

Which of your objects would you label as being “good” based on how the assigned character acted toward the hurt man? Every time you see that object, remember the kindness the Good Samaritan showed to someone who was different from him. Then be intentional in looking for a way to be kind to people who are different from you.