

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

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Read Luke 10:25-37

DAY
1

A Different Kind

Ask an adult to help you look up this week's Bible story in Luke 10:25-37. Read the story together. What stuck out to you about this story? The two men in the story were very different from each other and probably would not have normally been friends. However, the Samaritan man was able to show kindness even though he was different from the hurt man. And that is how it should be for us. God wants us to show kindness to everyone, especially if they are different from us. This week, find someone who is different than you, and show kindness to them.

Show everyone kindness.

DAY
2

Kindness Cards

There are a lot of people around you that need kindness. They may look different than you or act different than you, but they still need to be shown kindness. Grab several pieces of paper and fold them in half and then in half again. Now decorate your cards with a picture and a fun message like, "Just wanted to say hi" or "Just wanted to brighten your day." Ask your caregiver if you can drop them off for an elderly neighbor or a local retirement community.

Look for ways to be kind to those around us.

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3

Put Their Shoes On

Have you ever thought about how you can be kind to someone that is different from you? Maybe someone is different because they are new at school and don't have any friends. Now, grab a pair of your mom or dad's shoes and put them on. As you put the shoes on think of someone that is different than you and put yourself in their shoes. That means do for them what you would like someone to do for you! Be a friend to the new kid at school. The world would be a much better place if everyone showed this kind of kindness.

Remember to put yourself in someone else's shoes.

DAY
4

Catch Kindness

We've talked about kindness all month long. So, let's put it into practice one last time by playing, Kindness Catch. This would be super fun and easy to play at dinnertime with your family. Here's how to play. Toss a roll (or any food that is able to be tossed) to someone at the table. As you toss the roll, say something kind about the person you are tossing it to. Then, that person does the same thing. Keep going until everyone runs out of kind things to say.

Dear God, *Help me remember to treat everyone with kindness; those that are hard to love, my family, my friends, and those that are different than me.* **Amen.**

Be kind to people who are different from you.

PARENT CUE



Luke 10:25-37

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DAY 1

Read Hebrews 13:2

Who is your favorite sports team? Yell out your favorite chant, cheer, or tagline to represent that team.

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.**

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 11:17

Think about the kindest person you know. It might be your mom or your grandfather or your favorite teacher. Are you picturing that person in your mind right now? How does he or she show kindness?

There are big benefits to choosing kindness, not just for the people around you but for you too. But the opposite is also true. Mean people bring ruin on themselves. That means things won't go well for you. Nobody wants to hang out with someone that's always unkind. Choosing kindness is always wise.

Decode the secret message below about kindness. Cross out the letter and write the very next letter in the alphabet in the blank above it. (For instance, if the letter you see is "B", cross it out and write "C" on the line above it. If you see a "Z" the blank will be filled with an "A"):

A D J H M C S N O D N O K D

V G N Z Q D C H E E D Q D M S

E Q N L X N T

Answer: Be kind to people who are different from you.

DAY 3

Read Romans 13:10

When Jesus was asked “What is the most important commandment?” do you remember His answer? Jesus said to “Love the Lord your God” and put Him first. But He quickly added a second part, to “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

So, who is your neighbor? When Jesus was talking about loving your neighbor, He wasn't just talking about the people who live in your neighborhood. Neighbor includes pretty much anyone and everyone you see each day.

Kindness is showing others how valuable they are by how you treat them. Jesus said to love others as you love yourself. That means that everyone deserves kindness, even people who look, think, act, and talk differently than you.

Read the scenarios below. Then act out one way you could show kindness in that situation:

The kid on the other team gets knocked down right in front of you on the field.

The kid next to you on the bus looks sad.

*Be kind to people
who are different from you.*

DAY 4

Read Luke 10:25-37

Jesus would often tell stories to help His audience understand His teaching. Today you are reading about The Good Samaritan.

Bottom line is that the Samaritan felt sorry for the man and showed kindness, even though they were very different from one another. He stopped and helped the man. He saved his life.

Jesus ends His story by saying, “Go and do as he did.”

Grab a piece of paper and draw a picture of this story in 2020. When you finish, write, “Be kind to people who are different from you” on the page. Share this picture with your family and talk about ways you “go and do as he did” and show kindness to others this week.



Journal

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



4th-5th

Week 4



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

➔ Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

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

SO & SO TOP 3
After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



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Day 2

Read Luke 10:25-37

As you read Luke 10:25-37, circle every time you read the word neighbor.

Next, lightly cross through every time you read an example of someone not being a neighbor.

Lastly, underline every time you read an example of someone being a neighbor.

The robbers beat the man.

The priest passed by the man.

The Levite passed by the man.

The Samaritan took pity on the man.

The Samaritan helped the man with his wounds.

The Samaritan took the man to an inn and took care of him.

The Samaritan paid the innkeeper so the man could stay and heal.

The Samaritan was the least likely person to help the man, based on their differences. Yet, he didn't just stop. He also showed kindness by helping the man, taking time to get him to safety, and paying for his care. What an amazing example of how to **be kind to people who are different from you!**

Day 4

Sometimes when people are different from us, we find it intimidating to talk to them.

Maybe we're afraid we'll say something wrong, or hurt their feelings without meaning to. Can you imagine, though, if the Samaritan had let his fear of doing or saying the wrong thing hold him back from helping the man attacked by the robbers?



Day 3

One a piece of paper, write some words that describe you.

On the other side of the paper, label it "others" and write the opposite of—or things that are just different from—those words. So, if you're athletic, maybe in the side you would write artsy, or musical (unless you would describe yourself in that way too!). Try to think of as many differences in yourself and others as you can.

Now, take a few minutes to pray for people who are different from you, using the prayer below.

"Dear God, thank You for making me, me.

But thank You for making other people different! Those differences are beautiful.

Help me not to be afraid to see the differences in other people, but instead to appreciate the beauty that comes from the unique ways you've made each of us.

Please help me to be kind to people that don't act like me, don't look like me, don't

talk like me, and don't believe like me. Help me to show people who are different from

me just how valuable they are. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen."

P.S. Keep this paper around for day five.

Find a trusted adult and talk for a few minutes about **how can you be kind to people who are different from you:**

- ➔ Talk about what it might look like to be kind to someone:
- ➔ Who roots for a different sports team
- ➔ Who is from a different country
- ➔ Who likes different activities than you
- ➔ Who is a different race
- ➔ Who is a different religion

Share with each other what it looks like to be kind to people who are different from you. (Hint: It's not just about being polite. Sometimes, it means sacrificing your comfort, your resources, or your time to show them how valuable they are!)

Remember: You don't have to be best friends with everyone you interact with, but you do have to be kind, just as God was kind to you!

Day 5

Look back at your paper from day three.

Look at the "Others" side. Think of one person who embodies a lot of those differences you wrote, and write their name here: _____

What is one way you can show that person how valuable they are? Think back on the conversation you had yesterday too. As you try to think of ways to be kind to them, think about what makes them different from you. If they have a hobby or interest that is different from yours, maybe you could go support them by watching their game or performance. If they celebrate different holidays from you, try researching those special days so you can join in their celebration with a special greeting that shows them you care. If you need help figuring out how to be kind to your friend, ask an adult for help!

As you show kindness to people who are different from you, you will discover just how valuable those differences are!