

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: FEBRUARY 24-25

Bible Story: Don't Let Me Down (Good Samaritan) *Luke 10:25-37*

Big Idea: Show kindness by serving others.

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." *Colossians 3:12a (NirV)*

Life App: Kindness – Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Luke 10:25-37.

In **Luke 10:25-37** the religious leaders tried to trick Jesus with a question. If we're supposed to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, who exactly is our neighbor? Jesus answers with the parable of The Good Samaritan. Jesus used this story to completely change how people who follow Him should look at showing kindness to others. God wants us to show kindness to everyone by serving them. It is more than not being at odds with someone, or just lip service—God's kind of kindness is about serving others and showing God's love in a tangible way.

Show kindness by serving others. There is no greater example of this than Jesus. His whole life was in service to those around Him. It was even about serving us, by dying on the cross for our sins. When we remember that, it gives us a new perspective of showing kindness to others, so they can see the kindness of Jesus through us.



Before bed every night, repeat the memory verse together, "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." *Colossians 3:12a (NirV)*. Ask if there was a time this week that you were able to serve others. If there wasn't, how can you serve others tomorrow? Make it a goal as a family to show kindness by serving others. Pray together, thanking God and asking Him to help you serve others, even when it is hard!

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WEEK 4

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *Luke 10:36-37*

Who helped the hurt man from the Bible story (HINT: you may have to read more than just today's verse to find out!) Circle the answer below:

The Priest

The Samaritan

The Levite

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, and we can show kindness by serving others, just like the Samaritan from the story did.

LOOK for opportunities to use kind words and show kindness with your actions.

DAY 2

READ "Those who are kind benefit themselves. But mean people bring ruin on themselves." *Proverbs 11:17*

What happens when you choose kindness? What happens when you choose meanness instead? This verse makes it pretty clear. Draw lines to connect what meanness and kindness leads to.

Meanness

Kindness

Benefits

Ruin

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.

REMEMBER to choose kindness, even if others don't.

DAY 3

READ "Love does not harm its neighbor. So love does everything the law requires." 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 serve 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 think about one way you could show kindness by serving 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 dropped his snack on the floor.

SHOW kindness to others by serving them.

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

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Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor. (Leviticus 19:18) Hate your enemy.' But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you." 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. Take some time to pray for that person, right now!

KNOW that you can show kindness to others by praying for them.

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Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

March 2-3

1st Grade

March 9-10

Kindergarten

March 16-17

4th Grade

March 23-24

3rd Grade

April 6-7

2nd Grade



Child's Name: _____