

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: FEBRUARY 14

Bible Story: Child Care (Jesus and the Children) *Mark 10:13-16*

Big Idea: Treat others the way Jesus would treat them.

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. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient."
Colossians 3:12, NIV

Life App: Kindness—treating others the way you want to be treated.

Bible Story Summary:

Jesus lived His life not only showing kindness to others, but He actually flipped the whole idea of kindness on its head and redefined it for His disciples. He showed kindness to all people. People who were marginalized. People with bad reputations. Children, beggars, the sick and outcast. All people.

Today's events in the Bible are found in **Mark 10:13-16**. Back in Jesus' time, children were of little value, but Jesus did something different. He said, "Let the little children come to me ... God's kingdom belongs to people like them." Jesus showed kindness to the children when He welcomed them with open arms.

Treat others the way Jesus would treat them. We hope kids will learn that they are never so important that they can't take time to be kind to those around them.



Ask your kid: How does it make you feel that Jesus loves and values you at your age?

Ask a parent: When has an act of kindness changed your day or week?

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WEEK 2

God TIME

DAY 1

Read Colossians 3:12

Fill in the blanks:

"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and _____ as if they were your _____." *Colossians 3:12 NIV*

Do you choose what clothes you wear? Did you know that kindness is a choice, just like putting your clothes on? Think about it. When your mom comes in to wake you up in the morning, you have a choice whether you will react to her with kindness or not.

From the time you wake up in the morning until the time your head hits the pillow after a full day, you have a lot of opportunities to choose to be kind. Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them. You may not be able to choose the time your Mom wakes you up for school, but you CAN choose to show kindness from the very start of your day.

Find a sticky note or a note card and a piece of tape. Write the word "kindness" on the sticky note/card. Stick the card some place that you see every day. Every time you see the note, remember that kindness is the wise choice, all the time.

THANK God for the kindness He shows to you, so that you can be kind to others.

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 3:1-3

Do you know that when the Old Testament was first written, there were people who tied a small leather box to their forehead? In this box, they would put Bible verses to help them remember what God said.

When God tells us to tie "truth" around our neck and write it on our hearts. He doesn't want us to tie a box around our neck with verses in it. But when we read the Bible, God wants us to think about it throughout the day. God has given us His Word to show us what it means to believe in Jesus and follow Him. When we read the Bible, it helps us to make wise choices and to treat others the way we want to be treated and to trust God no matter what.

Kindness and love should be your first response in every situation as you go through your day. That is hard and we might need something to remind us to do that.

Find a wide rubber band or make a duct tape bracelet. Write the word "kindness" on it. Wear your bracelet this week to remind you to show kindness.

ASK God to help you choose to show kindness this week.

DAY 3

Read Proverbs 11:17

This verse makes it pretty clear. Kindness leads to good things. Being mean leads to trouble.

Think about it. When someone hurts you and you hurt them back, the problems just get worse. Being mean eventually leads to more meanness. But like this verse also says, when you show kindness to others, it's actually good for YOU too. Even if the person who hurts you doesn't respond with kindness in return, when YOU choose kindness, you always walk away on the winning side.

Grab a piece of paper and fold it into four sections. Inside each section, write down one of the following times of day—breakfast, lunch, dinner, and bedtime. Beside each time of day, write down the name of one person 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. Remember, there's always time to be kind.

LOOK for ways to show kindness in every situation this week.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

Need some ideas for some fun Valentine family traditions? Here are a few:
Love Scavenger Hunt – Cut out hearts from construction paper, choosing a different color of construction paper for each family member. On each heart write something you love about that family member. Hide the hearts in the house for a fun scavenger hunt.

Love Jar – Gather enough jars for each family member to have one. Label each jar with the name of a family member. Fill the jar with popsicle sticks labeled with favorite things about that family member.

Post-it Note Love – Place post-it love notes where your child will find them (on the mirror, by her shoes, on the television, etc).

Valentine's Family Movie Night – pop some popcorn, add pink and red candy-coated chocolates and/or sprinkles. Watch a movie such as The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot about That, Madly Madagascar, Lady and the Tramp, VeggieTales: Lettuce Love One Another, Beauty and the Beast.

DAY 4

Read Galatians 5:22

Have you ever eaten a strawberry that wasn't quite ripe yet or popped a sour grape into your mouth at lunch? Not so tasty, are they?

Did you know that your life is like a piece of fruit? When you allow God to work in your heart, when you read His Word and talk to Him, it produces GOOD fruit. We're not talking about apples and bananas here, either. This verse tells us that when we allow God to work in us, we become more loving and more joyful. We become peacemakers instead of trouble makers. We respond with patience and KINDNESS.

But it has to start with following God. He is the only one who can really help you be kind to someone who isn't kind to you. The FRUIT of your life can be all these things when you ask God to show you how to respond in kindness.

Next time you eat a banana or an apple, remember that growing closer to God is what will help you be kind.

KNOW that God can help you be kind, even when you don't feel like it!

at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

February 14: Third Grade

February 21: Second Grade

February 28: First Grade

March 7: Kindergarten

March 14: Fourth Grade

FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: _____