

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: FEBRUARY 28

Bible Story: Family Ties (Ruth and Boaz) *Ruth 1-2*

Big Idea: Show kindness to your family and friends.

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." *Luke 6:31, NIRV*

Life App: Kindness—showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Bible Story Summary: In **Ruth 1 and 2**, we learn about a woman named Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth. Their husbands have died, and Ruth has the opportunity to return home to her family. Instead, she chooses to show kindness to Naomi and stay with her. Ruth's kindness doesn't go unnoticed. Boaz sees how Ruth is treating Naomi and offers kindness to Ruth, changing her life in a huge way.

Show kindness to your family and friends. When it comes to our family and friends, we can often find ourselves taking them for granted. We hope through the story of Ruth, kids will learn to show kindness to the people who care about them the most.

Meal Time



Go around the table and have each person say one kind thing about each person in your family.

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WEEK 4

God TIME

DAY 1

Read Psalm 103:13

Did you know that God ALWAYS chooses to show you kindness? It's true. He showed us kindness when He sent Jesus. God also shows His kindness by giving you people in your life who take care of you, like your parents or grandparents or guardians. God knew that as a kid, you would need some help in this great big world. You'd need the guidance of someone older who could take care of you.

But if we're really honest, sometimes the people we care about most are the hardest ones to show kindness to. After all, sometimes it might seem like all they do is tell you what to do. But all of that instruction is part of their job. Your mom and dad want the best for you and part of that "best" includes setting boundaries so that you are safe.

Here's your challenge: The next time someone you care about does something that bugs you, stop yourself before you respond and think of something KIND to say instead.

THANK God for giving you people in your life to take care of you.

DAY 2

Read Ruth 1:8,16

In our Bible story this week, we learned about how Ruth followed her mother-in-law, Naomi, to a completely new country so that she could help take care of her. Ruth could have gone back to her own family, but seeing that Naomi was all alone, she chose to show kindness and stay with her.

It's not always easy to show kindness to the people we're closest to. Do you have brothers or sisters? What about cousins? Is it hard to love them sometimes?

It's easy to focus on the times when someone is UNKIND to you. But what if you flipped it around? Just for a minute, stop to think about how your brother or sister showed kindness to you. Their kindness probably made you feel pretty great, huh?

Take a moment to make a thank you card to someone in your family. Tell them you are thankful for them and their kindness.

ASK God to help you notice the times your family is kind to you.

DAY 3

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Hope you like math, because there's a math twist to today's devotional. But don't worry, you can totally handle it!

Maybe you've heard someone say, "two wrongs don't make a right?" Maybe your brother did something to bug you (wrong) and then you said something mean back (wrong). Guess what? Two wrongs really DON'T make a right. That's just bad math. Because wrong + wrong doesn't = right. Ever.

So what if you flipped it? What if, instead of choosing to pay back a wrong with a wrong, you chose **KINDNESS** as this verse suggests? After all, it doesn't say to only show kindness "sometimes" or "when you feel like it." It says, "Always try to be kind to each other and everyone else." Always.

LOOK for ways to respond with kindness this week.

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

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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 Zachariah 7:9

In this verse, who does God say to treat fairly and kindly? Everyone. Does God really mean ... EVERYone?

Yep. Everyone. Every single person you come in contact with deserves your respect. Especially the people closest to you. Your family and friends deserve to be treated with kindness, even when they aren't always kind and even when they lose their temper or say something mean to you. You'll never be able to control what other people do, but you can always control YOUR response.

This verse is a great reminder to us. Grab a note card or Post-It® note and write down Zechariah 7:9. Stick your note some place you'll see it often to remind yourself that EVERYONE deserves kindness.

KNOW that God wants us to show kindness to others.

at a GLANCE



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- February 28** First Grade
- March 7** Kindergarten
- March 14** Fourth Grade
- March 21** Third Grade

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