

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: MARCH 7

**Bible Story:** One More Time (Go the Extra Mile) *Matthew 5:41*

**Big Idea:** Be kinder than you have to be.

**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 (NirV)*

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

### Bible Story Summary:

In Matthew 5:41, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught, suppose someone forces you to go one mile. Go two miles with them, (NirV). To us that might sound strange, but to those listening—not so much. Roman soldiers could force them to carry their pack for a full mile. Jesus reminds His followers to go above and beyond in how they respond to others.

**Be kinder than what is expected.** Often kindness can feel like an obligation. Because of that, we tend to do the bare minimum when it comes to showing kindness. What if we helped kids look at it differently? What if we helped them see that kindness can be extravagant and unexpected. It’s that sort of kindness that can change people’s hearts and show them how much God loves them.

Bed Time



Jesus says that true kindness goes further than just following the rules. It means not only that you don’t hit your brother, but maybe you let him take the last cookie. Brainstorm at least three ways you could show kindness where you don’t have to during this week. Pray that God will show you opportunities to “go the extra mile” each day.

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# WEEK 1

# God TIME

# DAY 1

**READ 1** *John 3:18*

What’s the difference between saying something kind and doing something with kindness? Which is more important, saying or doing?

The answer is both. Words matter. When we say what we mean and mean what we say, others can trust us. But when we say something kind but then act in an unkind way, that leads to distrust and hurts the people around us. It’s not enough just to use kind words. Our actions should back up our words too. Read the scenarios below.

**Rewrite the second sentence to show kindness in action.**

Shelia says that Taylor is her best friend. But Shelia doesn’t invite Taylor to her birthday party.

Micah says, “I love you, mom” as he heads out the door. But when his mom reminds him to take out the trash, he rolls his eyes and lets out a big sigh.

This week, let’s **be kinder than we have to be.**

**ASK** God to help you choose words and actions that show others they are valuable to you

# DAY 2

**READ 1** *Corinthians 13:4*

Set a timer for one minute. During that minute, you cannot talk and must sit completely still.

Did you make it the full minute? Could you make it for five minutes? What about 15 or 20? That would definitely be harder. It would require a lot of patience.

**When it comes to kindness, patience plays a big part. In order to show kindness and love to others, we need to practice patience.**

Set a timer for one minute again. This time, see how many times you can repeat today’s verse within that minute. You must clearly say every word, including the reference (1 Corinthians 13:4).

How many times did you successfully repeat the verse in one minute?:

**ASK** God to help you have the patience to choose kindness this week.

# DAY 3

**READ Romans 12:10**

Think about the last time you got into an argument with your sibling or a friend. Do you remember what you fought about? Do you remember what you said?

Arguments and disagreements are normal, especially between people who know each other well or end up spending lots of time together. But kindness is about looking beyond that disagreement or argument to remember how valuable the other person is. Because the person on the other side of you is way more important than winning or making a point.

It is possible to disagree and still be kind. The key is to put the other person first. So the next time you find yourself arguing, stop. Look the other person in the eye and choose to honor him or her more than whatever point you're trying to make. Ask God to help you be kinder than you have to be.

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# DAY 4

**READ 1 Thessalonians 5:15**

Today's verse reminds us that instead of paying back a wrong with another wrong, we should always try to do what's best for the other person.

Here's a little kindness challenge for you. This week, when you find yourself upset or angry and ready to pay someone back, stop and ask this question: "Right now, how can I be kinder than I have to be?" Do what's good for the other person instead. Choose to show the person who's bugging you that they are still valuable to you.

You'll probably need lots of help from God with this. Picture the person you tend to argue with the most and ask God to help you stop trying to pay them back and start showing kindness instead.

# at a GLANCE



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- March 7 Kindergarten
- March 14 Fourth Grade
- March 21 Third Grade
- March 28 Second Grade
- April 4 No Shopping this week
- April 11 First Grade



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