

CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

KIDSVIEW

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Today's Bible Story: *Family Ties (Ruth and Boaz) • Ruth*

Today's Key Question: *When is it hard to be kind?*

Today's Bottom Line: *Be kind to your family and friends.*

Monthly 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)*

Monthly 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.*

STARTER ACTIVITY

Act It Out!

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Prompt kids to think of any type of kind action.
- Call on kids as their ideas pop up and let them (silently) act-out their kind action while the group tries to guess what it is.
- Repeat as many times as time and interest allow.
- Here are some examples to help those who may struggle to come up with ideas:
 - Sweeping the floor
 - Giving a hug
 - Writing a note
 - Folding the laundry
 - Cooking dinner
 - Singing a song

What You Say:

“You guys did a great job acting out kind things that you can do for others. You also did a great job seeing someone else doing something kind and recognizing what that action was. Let's head to Large Group and hear a story about how to be kind, even when it's really hard.”

BIBLE STORY

Before Video: “Hey, everyone! I love it when we’re here at KidsView together. I’m a Super Fan—of all of YOU! “When you’re a Super Fan, you cheer for your team. You make sure your favorite players know that you’ve got their back. That’s how we can treat EVERY-one, every day! We can treat other people with kindness.

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

This month we’re talking about how we can be Super Fans of each other by showing kindness. Last week, we found out why we should be kind in the first place: we should be kind to others because God is kind to US. But sometimes it’s not so easy to be kind to people. I think, for a lot of us, the hardest people to be kind to are the people we know really well. Think about it. It’s pretty easy to be nice to someone you’ve just met. But it might be a lot harder to be kind to your brother or sister when they’re doing their best to annoy you. It might be hard to show kindness to your parents when they make you do something you really don’t want to do. It might be hard to show kindness to your friends when they do something that hurts your feelings. “Kindness isn’t always easy. But today’s story might help us see how we can show kindness to the people who are closest to us. Let’s checkout our video.

PLAY VIDEO

“Because of Ruth’s kindness, Naomi didn’t have to face life alone. Because of Boaz’s kindness, he and Ruth were married . . . and Naomi had a new home and a new family with them. “Because all of them showed kindness to each other, there was a pretty sweet ending to this story. Obed eventually had a son named Jesse . . . and Jesse was the father of King David. Many hundreds of years later, there was a baby born through their family line. Can you guess who THAT was? (Pause for response.) Right. Jesus! All of that happened because Ruth decided to show kindness to Naomi. “It’s not always easy to show kindness to our family members and our closest friends. We spend so much time together that, if we’re not careful, we can get on each other’s nerves. We can forget to show our family and friends how important they are to us. But Ruth’s story shows what God can do THROUGH us when we choose to be kind to the people who are closest to us.

“Remember this . . .

[Bottom Line] “be kind to your family and friends.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

Prayer: “God, thank You for this great reminder that we should be kind to our family and friends. Please help us show kindness to the people who are closest to us—like Ruth did for Naomi, and like Boaz did for Ruth. Give us patience, and help us choose to be kind with our words and our actions. Thank You for being so kind to us that You sent Jesus to be our Savior. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

Kindness Paper Chain

What You Need: Construction paper strips, pencils, and tape or stapler

- Give each kid two or three paper strips and a pencil.
- Encourage the kids to write down a way they could show kindness to a friend or family member this week—one example per strip
- Let each kid read what they wrote.
- Use the tape or stapler to connect each paper strip to create a kindness paper chain.

What You Say:

“You came up with some great ideas! This week, I want you to go out of your way to be kind to your family and friends. Think about Ruth and Boaz and how kind they were—even when it wasn’t easy. When you find yourself getting annoyed or frustrated or impatient with your mom or sister or best friend, stop and think, ‘How can I choose kindness right now?’ Maybe that will lead you to do exactly what you wrote on your paper strip. Maybe choosing kindness will be something completely different that you haven’t thought about, yet. But you can ask God to help you show your family and friends how valuable they are and to [Bottom Line] be kind to your family and friends.”

FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

Discussion Questions

These discussion questions are typically for the 3rd-5th grade range. If you’d like you may ask the younger age group but be aware this may be a little advanced for them to have an answer.

- Is it easier or harder to be kind to your family versus your friends?
- Why is it sometimes a lot harder to be kind to the people we see all the time and easier to be kind to strangers or people we don’t know very well?
- What are things we can do to help us to remember to show kindness to our family and friends?

- What can we do when we're in a bad mood and everything is just annoying? How can we successfully be kind in that situation?

If your child would like to do an additional activity to make extra points for their team, they can draw a picture of the monthly memory verse using their best creativity. If they bring it to church or a parents sends Ms. Ally a picture then they will receive points for the Yellow Team!! Their memory verse is on the front page of this guide or you can check out our social media page.

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