

CLEARVIEW CHURCH OF SHREVEPORT

KIDSVIEW

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

Today's Key Question: *Have you ever received unexpected kindness?*

Today's Bottom Line: *Be kinder than you have to be.*

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

Go the Extra Mile

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Gather kids in a roomy area and space them out.
- Ask them to think of the farthest place they can think of from their current location.
 - It can be a country, a city, a landmark, a grocery store, etc.
- For each location named, look up the distance from your current location and tell each kid how many miles away their location is.
- Help the group line up in order of how far away their chosen locations are.

What You Say:

“Wow. Some of those places were really far! Let's hear a Bible Story about how we should go a little farther than we want to go.”

BIBLE STORY

Before Video: “What's happening, everyone? I'm so glad you're here. After all, I'm a Super Fan of every single one of you! It's true! This month we're talking about how we can treat people with kindness.

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

“It’s important for us to cheer each other on. It’s important for us to let other people know that they matter—with our words and with our actions. But that brings up an interesting question. Exactly HOW kind do we have to be? We’ll find out a little bit later when we take a look at something Jesus said.

Today we’re looking at something Jesus said that helped people think about kindness in a whole new way.

“We all know that we should be kind. We know that kindness is a way that we can show people that they’re valuable. But if we’re honest, sometimes we only feel like being as kind as we HAVE to be.

“For example . . . when you get in an argument with your brother or sister and your mom tells you to apologize, what do you say? (muttering reluctantly) I’m sorry.

“How about this one? What if you have to do a project at school with someone who’s always trying to annoy you? You probably act JUST nice enough to get the project done—but nothing more.

“What about when you’re hanging out and laughing with your group of best friends, and you can see that there’s a girl who seems like she maybe wants to join you? It’s a lot easier to just pretend you didn’t notice. But it takes some EXTRA kindness to go out of your way to welcome her in.

“How far should we go? Do we just show as much kindness as we HAVE to? Or could we do more? Well, let’s see what Jesus had to say about it.”

PLAY VIDEO

“Going the extra mile means not just doing the LEAST you have to do in showing kindness . . . but instead, taking it to the max! It’s not just doing what people expect you to do. It’s not just doing what you HAVE to do. It’s showing EXTRA kindness—because you WANT to. You’re doing it because that person is valuable, and they were made in the image of God.

[Bottom Line] “Be kinder than you have to be.

“Let’s talk to God and ask Him to help us live that way every day.”

Prayer: “God, thank You so much for Your kindness to us. Please help us to ‘go the extra mile’ in the way we treat people. Help us be kinder than we have to be. Give us the strength to follow Your example and show extra kindness to the people You’ve put in our lives. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

Megaphone Mileage

What You Need: “Megaphone Mileage” Activity Page, scissors, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and clear tape

- Give each kid a “Megaphone Mileage” Activity Page and allow them to color and decorate their megaphone.
- Encourage them to draw or write one way they can be kinder than they have to be.
- Remind the group that we can always go the extra mile by being kinder than we have to be.
 - When they see something that is wrong, they can go the extra mile and speak up.
 - When a teacher needs help carrying something, they can help AND enlist a friend to help, too.
 - When a neighbor falls off his bike, they can help him up AND go find an adult to help.
- Make sure each kid writes their name on their megaphone.
- Guide kids to cut out and tape their megaphone together.
- Once everyone is finished decorating and assembling their megaphones, instruct the kids to stand around the room (as far away from each other as possible).
- Tell one kid to say to another kid, “You are kind!” then go the extra mile and say something else kind to that kid.
- Continue doing this until each kid has had something kind said about them.

What You Say:

“You guys are SO loud, but also so insanely KIND! The things you said about one another blew me away. Sometimes, it can be hard to go the extra mile or think of something we can physically do for others, but something we can ALWAYS do is go the extra mile with our words. That is one way you can all **[Bottom Line] be kinder than you have to be.**

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when someone went the extra mile with their words. Maybe a coach or teacher told you what they saw in you and that helped you reach your full potential. Something that they didn’t HAVE to do, but they did it anyway.)

“Sometimes, all it takes is a kind word—someone pointing out something they see in you and saying it. Our actions are just as important as our words, and you can ALWAYS **[Bottom Line] be kinder than you have to be with your words.** When we make that choice, it can turn someone’s entire day around, and it shows them how much God loves them.”

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.

- Why is it unexpected when someone is kinder than they have to be?
- What about having basic manners, like saying "please" or holding a door open for someone? Is that being kinder than you have to be? Why or why not?
- Challenge kids to think of way they could be kinder than what is expected:
 - Family and friends
 - The annoying kid at school
 - Your teacher or coach

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 chekout our social media page.



What to Do:

Print on cardstock. Provide one for each kid.

"Megaphone Mileage" Activity Page

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