

**THIS MONTH'S THEME & LIFE APP**

Make Waves: What you do can change the world around you

This Week's Fruit of the Spirit: KINDNESS

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

John 14:6, NIV

THIS WEEK'S STORY & BOTTOM LINE

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Jesus can help me choose KINDNESS.

MADE TO **EXPLORE** — activities that engage investigative learners through sensory and scientific play

WELCOME ACTIVITY: SORTING BANDAGES

- **WHAT YOU NEED:** Various bandages
- **WHAT YOU DO:**
 - As kids enter, introduce yourself and give them several types of bandages.
 - Challenge them to sort them out by size, color, shape, etc.
 - Ask them what each bandage might be for or what their favorite design might be.

WHAT YOU SAY: "You are super sorters. Great job, friends! In our story today, we'll hear about someone who had a lot of boo-boos! Let's go find out what happened."

MADE TO **MOVE** — activities that appeal to kinesthetic and rhythmic learners

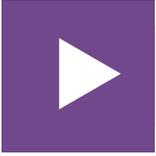
INTRO ACTIVITY: STOP!

WHAT YOU NEED: *No supplies*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask them to do a movement from the list below.
- After they do the movement say, "STOP" and ask the children to freeze. Choose a new movement and repeat.
- **Movements:**
 - Jump
 - hop on one foot
 - spin
 - clap hands
 - run in place
 - twist

WHAT YOU SAY: "Nice work, friends. Today, we'll hear about a man who STOPPED to help someone! The man showed kindness as he helped the hurt person. **[Bottom Line]** Jesus can help me choose KINDNESS.



MADE TO **IMAGINE** – activities that focus on biblical understanding through role play and re-enactment

REVIEW ACTIVITY: STORY BASKET

WHAT YOU NEED: *Basket, donkey, bandages, food, washcloth, money, soap, pillow case*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to gather around and present an empty basket.
- Explain that you'll give kids a turn to reach into the mystery bag and find an item that belongs in the story basket.
- As kids pull out each item from the mystery bag, use the following prompts to review that's items relevance to the Bible story and invite a child to then place it in the story basket.

Donkey: the Samaritan put the hurt man on his donkey to carry him into town

Bandages: the Samaritan treated the hurt man's bumps and scrapes.

Food: the Samaritan helped feed the hurt man to care for him.

Washcloth: the Samaritan helped make sure the man could get cleaned up.

Soap: another way the Samaritan helped make sure the man could get cleaned up.

Money: the Samaritan gave another caretaker money to continue helping the hurt man get all better.

WHAT YOU SAY: "Great job helping me remember how all of these things go with our story. It's a story where Jesus teaches us how important it is to be kind. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can help me choose KINDNESS.**"

MADE TO **CREATE** – activities that encourage creative expressions

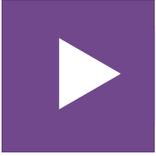
CRAFT ACTIVITY: FEEL BETTER BAGS

WHAT YOU NEED: *Ziplock bags, wipes, tissues, band-aids, snack item, sticker, small toy, card, coloring supplies*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child a card to color and a ziplock bag to hold contents for a "Feel Better Bag."
- Set out piles of the other supplies that can go into the bags at one end of the class.
- As they are coloring their "Get Well" cards, call up a few kids at a time to pick out one of each of the items that can go into their "Feel Better Bag."
- After everyone has had a turn, ask them how they think another friend would feel about getting the treats in the "Feel Better Bags."

WHAT YOU SAY: "Great job filling up your 'Feel Better Bags'! I'm proud of you for working to put something together that can help someone else feel better. Is this a good way to show kindness? How do you think this would make someone feel? What do you think they would be most excited to get from their bag?"



PLAY WORSHIP SONGS ON ROKU

“Love Likes Jesus” and “Love God and Everybody Else”

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PLAY ACTIVITY: DOCTOR CHECK-UP

WHAT YOU NEED: *Plush animals, doctor kit toys, play food, plates, cups*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Setup the plush animals and encourage the kids to take care of them as if they're sick or hurt.
- The kids can use the doctor's kit toys or wrap bandages on arms or legs.
- Encourage them to work together to care for the animals.

WHAT YOU SAY: “Great job taking care of these animals! I think you could all be great doctors some day. Do you think you could help take care of other people too? **[Bottom Line] Jesus can help me choose KINDNESS.**”

MADE TO **PLAY** — activities that encourage following directions while having fun and learning new ideas

DISCUSSION ACTIVITY: BANDAGE BRACELET

WHAT YOU NEED: *Bandage strips, tape, coloring supplies*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child a bandage strip cutout to color.
- Help them wrap it around their wrist so the bandage and the verse are clearly showing.
- Review the verse together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Great job saying today's verse. Jesus taught us so many amazing things! It's no wonder He calls himself “I am the way and the truth and the life.’ He leads us and guides us and inspires us to do good. **[Bottom Line] Jesus can help me choose KINDNESS.**”

MADE TO **REFLECT** — activities the allow space for personal processing and application

CLOSING PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: *Dry erase marker, eraser, whiteboard*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather together in front of the whiteboard and follow the script below.

WHAT YOU SAY: “Our Bible story, today, was another amazing story Jesus told! Since Jesus teaches us that it is important to help others and show kindness, we’ll make a list of ways we can help others. What are some ways you can show kindness to your mom, dad, brother, sister, friends, grandparents, teacher, coach—there are so many ways we can help! When I say your name, tell me one way we can help others, and I will write it on our prayer wall. (Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

PRAYER: “Dear God, we want to be people who show kindness. Please help us do things like (read the list the children made). Thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how to help. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”