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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:
KINDNESS



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to show kindness to others.



Lesson Takeaway:

Just as God has shown us kindness, He wants us to also show kindness to people we meet every day.



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Bible References:

2 Samuel 9:1 – 13;

Ephesians 4:32.



Explain the meaning of kindness.

Kindness is a word used to describe the act of showing warmth, friendliness, gentleness, generosity, and carefulness when dealing with others. To be kind is to treat others with care, respect, thoughtfulness, love, and concern for their well-being. You are careful not to hurt them by what you say, how you say it or what you do.

And remember, you can also be kind to yourself! But for this study, we are focusing on showing kindness to other people.



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Let's start with the One who first showed kindness – God. We cannot even explain how much kindness God shows to us every single day of our lives.



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What does the bible say about kindness? (Contd.)

Kindness is God's nature, which means He is simply kind – that is who He is. God is kind! In Luke 6:35, the bible says, "For He (God) is kind to the unthankful and evil". God is kind to everyone, whether they know it or not, whether they thank Him for His kindness or not. God gives everyone rain, sunshine, life, food, water etc. whether they are believers or not.

In Psalm 117:2, the bible states, "For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!"

Kindness is the fruit of the Spirit. In Galatians 5:22, the bible states, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...". We become kind as we spend time with God. Since God is kind, we become like Him. The more we get to know God and spend time with Him, the more kind-hearted we become. When we show kindness, people can see that we are children of God.

Kindness shows people that we have a loving heart. In 1 Corinthians 13:4, the bible states that "Love suffers long and is kind...". A kind heart is a loving heart. When we show kindness, we are also showing love.

God expects us to show kindness as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:32 states, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you".



How can we show kindness to others today?

Let's start with some examples of people that showed kindness in the bible.

From our text, 2 Samuel 9:1 – 13, we read how David showed kindness to Mephibosheth. After King Saul died, David became king. Even though Saul tried several times to kill David, David still showed kindness to Saul's grandson, Mephibosheth.

"So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually" (2 Samuel 9:7).



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How can we show kindness to others today? (contd).

In Ruth 2:1 – 16, Boaz showed kindness to Ruth by allowing her to harvest grain from his field; protecting Ruth from any form of abuse from the young men working for Boaz; and speaking to Ruth in a gentle and soft manner. Ruth must have felt very happy! Ruth and Naomi (Ruth's mother-in-law) had just returned to Bethlehem after a long time. They had no food, no land, no husband – they had lost everything! And there was Boaz, showing kindness to Ruth.

In Acts 27:3, we also saw how a man named Julius treated Paul with kindness. Even though Paul was a prisoner, he allowed him to spend time with his friends who wanted to take care of him.

Today, we can show kindness by:

- Saying kind words to others – “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness” (Proverbs 31:26).
- Responding gently to others especially when they want to make us angry – “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:1).
- Not speaking evil of other people – “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice” (Ephesians 4:31).
- Forgiving those who hurt us – “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).
- Praying for our friends and family members – “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men” (1 Timothy 2:1).

God shows us kindness every day. He wants us to also show kindness to the people we meet every day.



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Memorize:

Ephesians 4:32 – And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.



Questions:

- i. Mention three people in the bible that showed kindness. What did they do?
- ii. Mention five ways you can show kindness to your friends or family members.



Remember: That just as God has shown us kindness, He wants us to also show kindness to people we meet every day.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for showing me Your love and kindness every day of my life. Please help me to also show kindness to the people I meet every day – at home, in my school, at church and anywhere I go. I ask these in Jesus' name, amen!



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