



CREEKSIDE KIDS

1ST THRU 5TH GRADE

STORY: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES (MATTHEW 5:43-48)

MAIN IDEA: LET'S LOVE LIKE JESUS.

KEY QUESTION: WHAT CAN MAKE IT HARD TO SHOW
KINDNESS TO SOMEONE?

5:45

Leaders meet & pray

5:50

Doors open & Kids head to Kids Church

5:50-6:00

Pre-Service Activity Page

6:00-6:30

Worship & Story

6:30-6:45

Small Group & Snack

6:45-7:00

Closing Activity: Kindness Clips

7:00-7:25

Free Play, Outside, Hangout.

7:30

Prepare for pick up

SMALL GROUP

After Large Group, head straight to your classroom or small group space.

- Kids can drop off any items they brought with them in the classroom.
- Grab your Snack Basket and bring it with you.
- Depending on the number of leaders, divide into one or two groups.
- Stay in your classroom or find another space where you can sit down together.
- Circle up!
- Pass out snack as everyone settles in.
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Before starting your discussion, remind kids of a few simple guidelines:

- One person talks at a time.
- Respect the people around you.
- Try your best to participate.

WIN & WRESTLE: Go around the circle and give each kid a chance to share:

WIN: What's something good that happened this week?

WRESTLE: What's something that was hard, frustrating, or difficult this week?

Leaders, be willing to share your own Win & Wrestle too!

Key Question of the Day After everyone has had a chance to share, go around the circle again with the Key Question of the Day:

What can make it hard to show kindness to someone?

Give kids time to think about situations or people who may make it difficult to respond with kindness.

Follow-up Questions:

- What might showing kindness or love to that person look like?
- How could choosing kindness, even when someone isn't kind to us, point that person toward God?

After kids share, connect their answers back to Large Group:

"Sometimes it's easy to be kind to people who are kind to us. But Jesus calls us to love others—even when it's difficult. When we choose kindness toward someone who has hurt us or treated us poorly, we can show them what God's love is like. How can you choose to show kindness like Jesus this week?"

Pray Together

Wrap up by asking kids to share a prayer request or praise (WOW moment).

Write them down in the class journal, then pray together.

ACTIVITY

KINDNESS CLIPS

Big Idea: We can show Jesus' love by choosing kindness—even toward people who aren't kind to us.

You'll Need:

- Wooden clothespins
- Markers
- Stickers, gems, or small decorations
- Glue



Instructions:

1. Decorate your clothespins! Use markers, stickers, and other decorations to make them your own.
2. Add a kind word or encouraging message to each clothespin. Try words like kind, loved, brave, valued, or forgiven.
3. Take your Kindness Clips with you! Clip them onto your backpack, lunch bag, or somewhere you can see them.
4. Use them to spread kindness. When you notice someone who could use encouragement, give them a clip or leave it somewhere for them to find.
5. Remember Jesus' words: We can choose to love and show kindness even when someone hasn't been kind to us.

Connection: Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who are unkind to us. That can be hard! One way we can show Jesus' love is by choosing kindness. These Kindness Clips are a reminder that we can use our words and actions to encourage others—even when they don't treat us the way we would like.

Challenge: Who is someone at school you could encourage this week? What could you say or do to show them kindness?



PRESCHOOL

STORY: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES (MATTHEW 5:43-48)

MAIN IDEA: LET'S TRUST LOVE LIKE JESUS

5:45

Leaders meet & pray

5:50

Doors open & head to class room

5:50-6:00

Opening Activity: Make It Move

6:00-6:30

Free Play in class room or Outside

6:35-6:55

Kids Church: Worship & Story

7:00-7:20

Craft: Kindness Rocks

7:20-7:30

Snack & Conversation Time

7:30

Prepare for pick up

CRAFT KINDNESS ROCKS

Supplies

- Heart-shaped rocks
- Paint pens

What to Do

- Give each child a heart-shaped rock.
- Use paint pens to decorate the rock with colorful designs, encouraging words, or kind messages.
- Encourage kids to think about a message that might make someone smile or feel encouraged.
- When finished, invite kids to take their rock home and place it somewhere others might find it.

What to Say

"Today we are making Kindness Rocks! You get to decorate a heart-shaped rock with a message, picture, or words that could bring someone joy. We've been learning about what it means to love like Jesus. One way we can show Jesus' love is by choosing kindness—even to people who may not always treat us kindly.

As you decorate your rock, think about this question: What could I put on my rock that might make someone feel loved, encouraged, or happy? Give kids time to decorate their rocks.

"When you're finished, take your rock somewhere you can leave it for someone else to find. It might be at a park, on a walking trail, or somewhere else where people will see it. You may never know who finds your rock, but your little act of kindness could make someone's day! When we choose kindness, we can help people see what God's love looks like."



OPENING ACTIVITY MAKE IT MOVE

Supplies:

- Metal bowl
- Plastic wrap
- Pipe cleaners
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Before Kids Arrive:

Stretch plastic wrap tightly over the top of the metal bowl. Place the spring-shaped pipe cleaners on top.

Say: "Look at these little pipe cleaners! Do you think we can make them move without touching them?"

"Let's try! When I say go, sing or hum toward the bowl and watch what happens!"

Let kids take turns singing, humming, or making silly sounds and watch the pipe cleaners dance.

Connect to the Lesson:

"Wow! Did you see them move? Your voice made the pipe cleaners dance!

Even though we can't see our words, our words can do something, too. Our words can make people feel happy, loved, and cared for—or they can hurt someone's feelings.

Today we're going to learn how Jesus wants us to choose kindness, even when someone isn't being kind to us.

Let's see how we can use our words and actions to show others what Jesus is like!"

