



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

God showed kindness by sending Jesus for us—even when we didn't deserve it. Because of God's love for us, we can be kind to everyone.

Kindness is a fruit of the Spirit. And when you show kindness to others, you give them a glimpse into the heart of God, and how much God loves them. Kindness should be a characteristic of people who follow Jesus. Not only did Jesus model kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.

Memory Verse:

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Colossians 3:12

Gear Up

Week 1

The Kindness of Jesus
Matthew 8:1-4; Matthew
19:13-15; Matthew 9:10-13
What does kindness look
like?

Week 2

Ruth and Naomi
Ruth 1-2
When is it hard to be kind?

Week 3

Go the Extra Mile
Matthew 5:41
When have you been
surprised by kindness?

Week 4

Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37
How can you care for people
who are different from you?

Gear Up

Upper Elementary

Week 1

GOD VIEW

What does kindness look like? In some ways, kindness can feel subjective. What one person sees as an act of kindness, another might see as an obligation. That's why we start our preteens with a conversation about kindness. When you can identify what kindness can look like, you start to see how you can show God's kindness to others.

MEMORY VERSE

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BIBLE TRUTH

The Kindness of Jesus
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Key Question

What does kindness look like?

SMALL GROUP

NOTES

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

Gear Up - Week 1 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited.
2. Worship
3. Room Expectations
4. FATW:Musana
5. Intro: Gear Up
6. Bible Lesson Video
7. Application:
 - a. Weekly Bottom Line: What does kindness look like?
 - b. Bible 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
 - c. Prayer

LESSON TOTAL: 30 MINUTES

8. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour

WELCOME 3 minutes

Hey everyone! I'm so glad you're all here today. Let's all stand up and worship (Welcome, kids.)

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs.)

Show Worship: Every move I make

Show Worship: Stand in your love

ROOM RULES

SHOW GRAPHIC: Elementary Room Expectations

We want to have all the fun here at Flatirons Kid's Ministry. We have a few things that we like to commit to make sure everybody has a good time.

Flatirons Kids Are:

Respectful: We respect everyone and take care of the room and toys we have.

Kind: We treat each other kindly, just like we want to be treated; we go out of our way to be kind to others in the room.

Focused: We listen and follow the leaders in the room and the teacher in each activity.

Accountable: None of us are perfect; we will all make mistakes, but we will try our best and choose to change our actions when needed.

Show Graphic: Musana

This month for our Friends Around The World, we will be helping our friends at Musana! Our friends at Musana are trying to end poverty one community at a time. Musana's Empowerment Center is a skill training and development center where they learn tailoring, knitting, and hairdressing. When you guys bring in donations for Musana, your money is going to help those women learn new things. Once you hear the song play come and you have money to give, you can come up and drop it in the bucket!

Show Graphic: Graphic_Musana_Song

Another way we can help is we can pray for them! So let's go ahead and pray for them!

Large Group Game:

Today, we will play a fun game: Mom Text

Here is how you play it: A text will show up on the screen, and you have to choose either A, B, or C. Move to the left (A), the middle (B), or right (C) of the room for which answer you think is correct.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Gear Up

Today we are going to be learning about the kindness of Jesus. We will look at Matthew's book to learn more about how kind Jesus is. Let's watch today's video to learn more.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_Gear Up

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK1_BottomLine: What does kindness look like?

Jesus didn't just spend His time hanging out with people who were essential or had it all together. Each of these true stories gives a glimpse into the heart of Jesus. Those with contagious skin diseases, young kids, and distrusted tax collectors were not out of reach from the Son of God! Quite the opposite. Despite their social standings and reputations, Jesus demonstrated kindness to these people.

Bible Verse

Show Verse:

This month's bible verse comes from the book of Colossians

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PRAYER

Let's pray!

Dear God, thank You for teaching us what's most important in life: loving You with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Please help us love You and love others each day. Fill our hearts with a deep love for You and help us show love and kindness to the people You've put in our lives. Give us the courage to show Your love in everything we do. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen

In Small Group, you'll get to talk about how we can live that way each day. **(Dismiss kids to their small groups.)**

SMALL GROUPS

(Have kids sit down in circle, in small groups, with volunteer leaders.)

Show Timer: Small Group Countdown