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## 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:

"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

## 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 2

## GOD VIEW

**When is it hard to be kind?** If kindness is something we know should be a part of our lives, why do we find it difficult to show kindness to others? We often find it easier to show kindness to strangers than to those closest to us. We hope that through this question and the discussion that will follow, preteens will start to understand how they can show kindness to the people they love.

## MEMORY VERSE

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## BIBLE TRUTH

Ruth and Naomi  
Ruth 1-2

## Key Question

When is it hard to be kind?

## SMALL GROUP

## NOTES

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

Pet Project: Week 2 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: When is it hard to be kind?
  - 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 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 are listening and following the leaders in the room and the teacher in each activity.

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

Now we are ready to really have some fun today. Let's go!

### Show Graphic: Graphic\_Musana

This month for our Friends Around The World, we are going to be helping our friends at Musana! Our friends at Musana are trying to end poverty one community at a time. Musanas Empowerment Center is a skill training and development center, 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 Grphic: 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 are going to play a fun game called Super Bowls. You are going to see a question on the screen and you are going to move to which ever section you think the answer is. (make four quadrants on the floor for A,B,C,D) to know if you got it right the answer will how up on the screen.

## INTRO 1 minute

### Show Series Graphic: Gear Up

Today we're looking at the book of Ruth. It's a smaller book in the Old Testament in the Bible that talks about a person... named Ruth. Let's watch the video to learn more about Ruth.

## **BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes**

**Show Video: Video\_WK2\_Gear Up**

## **APPLICATION 3 minutes**

**Show Graphic: WK2\_BottomLine: When is it hard to be kind?**

So often, it is easier to show kindness to strangers than to those closest to us. No matter how much we love our family and close friends, it can be hard to show them kindness when they get on our nerves! But you can still be kind, just like Ruth, even when someone you love is pushing your buttons.

### **Bible Verse**

We also have a Bible verse for the month to help us remember:

**Show Verse:**

“You are God’s 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

Let’s read that together. *(Read through with kids a few times using different voices.)*

### **PRAYER**

Let’s pray!

Dear God, thank You for all the things You have given us. Help us remember that everything we have comes from You. Please show us how to be thankful and share what we have with others. Teach us to be responsible and make a difference in their lives. Guide us to use our things in a way that brings joy to others. Thank You for Your love and for helping us share. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Send Kids to small groups:**

### **SMALL GROUPS**

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

**Show Timer: Small Group Countdown**