

WEEK 3: The Golden Rule

Big Idea: Jesus teaches us how to live.

HANGOUT

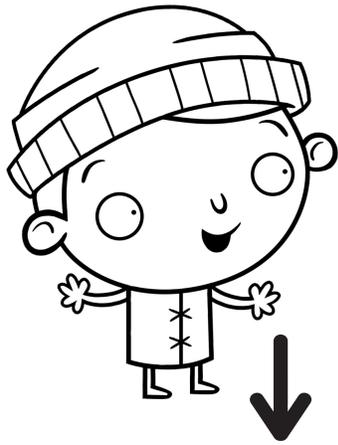
1. Ask: How do you like to show kindness to your brothers or sisters? How do you show your mommy and daddy that you love them? How do you show kindness to pets?
2. Discuss some of the ways kids can be kind such as sharing, being gentle with animals, using kind words and letting others go first. Congratulate the kids on all the amazing ways they show kindness!
3. Use stuffed toys or dolls to practice kindness together.
4. Say: Let's practice our amazing kindness with our toys. What are some kind words we can say to [our toys]?
5. Try practicing kindness with the toys in any of the following ways: make the toys comfortable in a special spot, pretend to feed the toys, take the toy for a little walk, be gentle with the toys. Have fun and celebrate the kid's efforts!
6. Say: Jesus wants us to be kind and loving to others, just like you are right now! Great job!

HEAR

7. Tell the kids that in the Bible, Jesus teaches us to be kind with a special rule, called The Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is precious, like a treasure that we keep in our hearts. Ask the kids to listen closely to hear what Jesus says.
8. Read Matthew 7:12 together in a children's Bible.
9. Ask:
 - What does Jesus say that we should do for others? (the same thing that we like others to do for us!)
 - Can you think of one thing that you like your friends to do for you when you're playing together? Have you ever done that same thing for your friends? What happened?
 - How does it feel when someone is kind?

HUDDLE

10. Form a circle with your group and take turns rolling a ball to one another. If you don't have a ball, try tossing a soft object such as a stuffed toy. Leader begins by saying: "I like when others are kind to me (roll the ball/ toss the stuffed toy) so I will be kind to others!" (You can change the word "kind" for variation, to "share with me," "say kind words to me," "listen to me," "play with me," "let me go first," etc.)
11. Encourage the kids to repeat the statements as they roll/toss to one another.
12. Wrap up by praying and thanking Jesus that he loves each child (by name if possible). Thank him for teaching us how to be loving and kind. Ask for his help to remember to treat others well, just like we want to be treated.



Help the boy get through the maze to help his friend on the other side.

