



KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Kindness — showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

Main Idea

We finish the month with a familiar parable found in Luke 10:25-37. When religious leaders tried to make themselves look good, they tried to trick Jesus with a question: if we're supposed to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, who exactly is our neighbor? Jesus answered with the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus used this story to completely change how people who follow Him should look at showing kindness to others. It's not just for people we know or like, but for everyone we meet. We can't hold back kindness from others just because they might look or act different from us. Jesus modeled a love and kindness that included everyone. We should do the same.

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 clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient" (Colossians 3:12 NIRV).

Bottom Line

Be kind to people who are different from you.

Monthly Profession

I will delight myself in the Lord and He will give me the desires of my heart.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- How did Jesus's popularity make the religious leaders feel?
 - It made them feel nervous.
- What did the religious leader ask Jesus about the law?
 - He asked Him, "Who is my neighbor?"
- Where was Ben traveling?
 - He was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho.
- What happened to Ben on the way?
 - He was attacked by a band of robbers and left to die.
- What did the preacher and the worship leader do when they saw Ben?
 - They both ignored him and kept on walking.

- Who stopped to help Ben?
 - A Samaritan man
- What did the Samaritan tell the innkeeper?
 - He gave him money and asked him to take care of Ben.
- What did Jesus tell the religious leader to do?
 - He told him to go and do like the Samaritan did.
- What do you think it means to love or show kindness to your neighbor?
- Who is your neighbor?
- Without naming names, think of someone who is different from you. How could you show this person they are valuable? How could you show them kindness?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- None

Activity

- Review the Bible story by saying, "Jesus answered the question, 'Who is my neighbor?' with a story. The story starts like this, 'A man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho.' What happens next?"
- After each sentence your children give, ask, "What happens next?" until the entire story is reviewed. If necessary, refer to the story of the Good Samaritan from the Bible in Luke 10:25-37.
- Once the story is reviewed, read one of the "Sentence Starters" below.
- Allow your children to raise their hands to finish the sentence.
- Sentence Starters:
 - One thing I learned today was . . .
 - In the story, I was surprised by . . .
 - After hearing the parable, a question I have is . . .
 - The Samaritan showed kindness by . . .
 - My neighbors are . . .
 - Use the "neighbors" question to guide kids to realize that EVERYONE is a neighbor.
- For further discussion, ask:
 - The Samaritan could have ignored the injured man and walked right on by, but he didn't. How do you feel when someone ignores you or simply doesn't listen to what you have to say?
 - How do you feel when someone shows interest in what you are doing or what you have to say?
 - Do you think it was hard for the Samaritan to show kindness to the injured man? Why or why not?
 - What can make it hard for kids to show kindness to people who are different from them?

Prayer

Spend a few moments in prayer with your children. Ask God to help you all remember to show kindness to those who are different from you.

Dear God,

Thank You for reminding us that KINDNESS matters. Thank You for always treating us with kindness and love. It shows us that we are valuable and important to You. We want to do the same for the people around us, so please help us to be kind to people who are different from us. Help us look for ways to show kindness to EVERYONE, not just the people closest to us or the people most like us. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us just how valuable we are to You. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.