

Rewind: Kindness Deserves a Replay

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BIBLE STORY

We Are Family
Ruth and Boaz
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MEMORY VERSE

**"Do to others as you want
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Luke 6:31, NIV

LIFE APP

**Kindness—Showing others
they are valuable by how
you treat them**

BOTTOM LINE

**Be kind to your family
and friends.**

BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
Give Up Your Seat

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"This Little Light" from *Living Inside Out*
"Love One Another" from *Little Praise Party-Happy Day*
Everyday

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Replay Charades
Kindness Awards
Voiceover Verse
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA*Made to Connect:* an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Offering container

GIVE UP YOUR SEAT*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Chairs; 1 for each kid (Optional: You could use painter's tape and make an "x" for each kid on the floor instead.)
- Music (on your phone or a CD player)

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.**** 1. REPLAY CHARADES****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Imagine:* an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Replay Charades" Activity Page and cut apart; 1 set for each small group
- 16 oz. plastic party cup

2. KINDNESS AWARDS**[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Create:* an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Kindness Awards" Activity Page; 1 for each kid
- Kid scissors; 1 for each kid
- Markers
- Optional: Small decorative stickers of any kind

3. VOICEOVER VERSE**[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]***Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Bibles
- Voice recorder or voice-changing app on your phone
- (Optional: If you cannot make a voice recording provide paper and markers)

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv**, **CUE Box**, and the **Parent Cue** app.

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CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and build on their understanding with others

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids be kind to those who are closest to us and therefore sometimes hardest to be kind to: our family and friends. Pray that kids would start to gain the self-control to pause and "rewind" their thoughts in order to choose a kinder avenue of interaction with friends and family.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Ask:
 - Who is your favorite person to be kind to?
 - Why did you choose that person?
 - How does that person usually respond to kindness?

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2. GIVE UP YOUR SEAT

WHAT YOU NEED: Chairs or painter's tape, music

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up as many chairs (or make tape X's) as there are kids in a circle, facing outward.
- Allow each kid to sit in a chair.
- Explain you will be playing musical chairs.
- If any kids are unfamiliar with the game, remind them of the rules:
 - When the game starts, we will take away one chair.
 - Kids will walk around the chairs while the music is playing.
 - When the music stops, everyone must try to find a seat.
 - Since there is one less chair than there are players, there will be a player without a seat. That person will be out.
 - Allow the process to repeat, removing one chair each round, until only one-player remains.
- Stop and start the music approximately every 30 seconds.
- Play until you have a winner!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Musical chairs is a fun game, but isn't taking a chair from your friend the opposite of kindness? **[Transition] Today in Large Group we are going to learn about some very important people in our lives that we should be kind to. It may even include the people you were just playing with.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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IMAGINE

an activity that focuses on biblical application and empathy through role-play and re-enactment

* 1. REPLAY CHARADES

WHAT YOU NEED: Strips from the "Replay Charades" Activity Page, 16 oz. plastic party cup

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the "Replay Charades" strips in the plastic cup.
- Divide kids into six groups.
- Let each group take a turn pulling out a strip of paper from the cup.
- Instruct them to read it quietly together and decide how they will act out what's written on the strip. If space allows, let groups split off away from each other so they can plan more easily.
- They will then act out that scene from today's story while the other groups guess what they are doing.
- Continue until each group has had a turn acting out their charade

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! You must have been paying attention to today's story. We can really learn from the kindness Ruth and Boaz showed. Was it always easy for them to show kindness? (No.) What made it hard for Ruth in the beginning? (She had to go to a brand new town.) Did you notice that even when it wasn't easy, they both continued to be kind? Just like them, you too can **be kind to your family and friends.**" [Make It Personal] (Describe a time when you showed kindness to a friend or family member.)

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2. KINDNESS AWARDS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Kindness Awards" Activity Pages, kid scissors, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a set of Kindness Awards and set out the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Instruct them to fill out the blanks on the awards.
- Do the first one together. Prompt your few by asking, "Who is someone who deserves a kindness award?" Allow one or two kids to answer. "Awesome! In the first blank, write something you really love about them!"
- Encourage them to fill out all of the blanks on the awards for whoever they would give them to and then decorate the awards however they choose.
- When you notice your few are finishing up, pass out scissors to each kid.
- Instruct them to cut out their awards and to hand them out this week.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Don't you wish you could hand Ruth and Boaz a huge kindness award? Well, we can't give one to them but there are people all around us who deserve an award for the great things they do. This week, I am challenging you to keep your eyes open for your friends and family who really do an awesome job at showing kindness. And remember, you may not get a cool paper award, but God loves when you can **be kind to your family and friends**, and that is an even better award!"

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HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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3. VOICEOVER VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, voice recorder and/or voice changing app (or paper and markers)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage your few to look up Luke 6:31 and read it out loud together a few times.
- While they are reading, record their voices on your phone.
- After they have finished, replay the recording so they can hear themselves reciting the verse.
- You can also use a voice-changing app to record your group reciting the verse.
- If using the app, continue with various voice changing options as time and interest allow.
- *If you are using the paper option, encourage kids to write down the memory verse as many times as they can using different colored markers, different handwriting, or even trying to write the verse backward.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Whether it's our memory verse or an act of kindness, good things are worth replaying. You know, I find the things I replay are often the things that I remember best. Have you ever watched something or listened to a song over and over again to the point you can't get it out of your head? (Yes!) Does anyone want to share with me what it was? (Allow time for answers.) Well, just like we got those things stuck in our heads, we can also get God's Word stuck in our hearts by repeating our verse all the time. This week, you can practice replaying your memory verse by sharing it with others. What an awesome way to show kindness! You can **be kind to your family and friends.**"

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage your small group to think about a family member or friend they may struggle showing kindness to.
- If you feel like they can share without being too gossipy, negative, or using names, let them share a few details.
- Offer some words of encouragement and then close in prayer, asking God to help us be kind to our family and friends.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, sometimes we find it hard to show kindness to our family and friends. Maybe someone's brother is getting on his last nerve, or someone's mom is making her turn off her game when she really wants to play. But I'm asking you to remind us of the kindness we learned about today even when it's not always easy for us. I'm so thankful for the kindness You have given to us, and we want to show the world that kindness too. Remind us that we can be kind to our family and friends. In Jesus' name, amen!"

As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid show their parents their kindness awards. Prompt each kid to share that even when it's not easy, you can **be kind to your family and friends.**