

Rewind: Kindness Deserves a Replay

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2-3

SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

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BIBLE STORY

Mercy, Mercy Me
Love Your Enemies
Matthew 5:43-48

MEMORY VERSE

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

LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE

**Be kind to people who
aren't kind to you.**

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
Wheel of Unkindness

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

"Rock This Planet" from *Alive*
"Love One Another" from *Little Praise Party-Happy Day
Everyday*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Captain Unkindness
Kindness Origami
Opposites Attract
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

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

WHEEL OF UNKINDNESS

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Brad; 1 for each small group
- Paper clip; 1 for each small group
- Print the "Wheel of Unkindness" Activity Page on heavy cardstock; 1 for each small group
- Follow instructions on the Activity Page to make the spinner before kids arrive.

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. CAPTAIN UNKINDNESS****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]**

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 10 inflated balloons (not helium) (Note: Be aware of any latex allergies in your group.)
- Painter's tape

2. KINDNESS ORIGAMI**[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 Origami" Activity Page; 1 for each kid
- Scissors

3. OPPOSITES ATTRACT**[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:

- No supplies needed

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]**

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper; 1 piece for each kid
- Pencils

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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15 MINUTES

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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. Everyone has people around them who are unkind at times. And everyone has experience being that unkind person. Ask God for the strength to respond to unkindness with the opposite: kindness. Pray that He would give your kids the courage to be kind even when someone is not kind to them.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Ask:
 - What are some things a bully does?
 - Have you ever met a bully?
 - How did they make you feel?

BIBLE STORY

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IMAGINE

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

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2. WHEEL OF UNKINDNESS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Wheel of Unkindness" (Activity Page)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage kids to form a circle so you can put the spinner in the middle where they can all reach.
- Allow every kid to spin and act out the unkind challenge they land on.
- Continue until each kid has a turn and as time and interest allows.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Sometimes we laugh at people or do or say things that are unkind. But the truth is, if you're unkind in a serious way, it can really hurt someone. **[Transition]** Today in Large Group we are going to learn what we can do for people who are being unkind to us."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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25 MINUTES

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working together

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* 1. CAPTAIN UNKINDNESS

WHAT YOU NEED: Balloons, painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make a start and finish line with six-inch strips of painter's tape.
- Choose one kid to be "Captain Unkindness."
- Pair up the other kids and encourage them to line up behind the starting line.
- Explain that each pair will sit on the starting line back to back with linked arms while you place a balloon in between them.
- Their goal is to stand up using the strength in their legs without popping or dropping the balloon.
- They will then attempt to make it from the starting line to the finish line without losing their balloon.
- Explain the catch: For five seconds, you will allow "Captain Unkindness" to throw balloons at them, make them laugh, and try to prevent them from making it to the finish line.
- Ensure that your few understand that "Captain Unkindness" is not allowed to hurt anyone but to only make the players laugh or have to move in such a way that they drop the balloon.
- As players are walking, you may determine when "Captain Unkindness" can start.
- Encourage your few who are waiting to count aloud with you.
- As each pair makes it across the finish line, continue to rotate "Captain Unkindness" so others may get a turn.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's difficult to love people who are making things difficult for you, isn't it? I've got to be honest, though. I have probably not always been the easiest person to be kind to. Have you ever made it hard for someone to be kind to you, like your parents or your siblings? *(Allow time for answers.)* Well, just like you want them to continue to show you kindness, you can also **be kind to people who aren't kind to you.**" **[Make It Personal]** **(Describe a time when you showed kindness to someone who wasn't kind to you.)**

LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through drawing and making things

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2. KINDNESS ORIGAMI

WHAT YOU NEED: "Kindness Origami" Activity Pages, scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out Activity Pages, and tell kids to cut out the square, but keep the instructions nearby.
- Help kids follow the instructions. Walk them through folding the lines one at a time.
- Display how the Kindness Origami works by using your fingers to manipulate it while counting a predetermined number. Read through some of the examples.
- Ask for a few volunteers to use their Kindness Origami to choose a "way to be kind" and then give an example of how they'll do that thing this week.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"How cool is this? What a fun way to help us show kindness when we are in some super tough situations. Can anyone think of a tough situation they have faced lately where it was difficult to be kind? (*Allow time for answers.*) Wow! That sounds really hard. How about we open up our Kindness Origami and get an idea for what you could do for that person to be kind? (*Continue this several times.*) This week, use your Kindness Origami as a tool to remind you of ways you can **be kind to people who aren't kind to you.**"

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HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask your few to share (without using names) about something unkind that someone has done to them.
- As they respond, ask them what the opposite would be in that situation. How could that person have been kind instead of unkind? For example: Someone cut in front of me in line. They could have waited their turn instead.
- After you have had some discussion, remind your few of this month's memory verse.
- Encourage them to go out and be the kindness that they wish to see.
- Repeat the verse together as a group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Our memory verse this month tells us that we should show the kindness to others that we would want to receive ourselves. I want to encourage you to go out and be the kindness that you wish to see. If you want people to wait their turn in line, you should let someone go in front of you! Whatever sounds like a really cool thing to be given, give that very thing to someone else. And don't forget to **be kind to people who aren't kind to you**, not just those who are kind."

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Explain to your few that they will be writing out prayers to God that they will take home.
- Encourage them to ask God to help them be kind to the people who are unkind to them.
- After kids are finished writing out their prayers, pray over your few that they would continue to find ways to be kind every day.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, I thank you for this month's great reminder of the amazing love and kindness You have gifted us with. As we talked about today, we know that it isn't always easy to be kind, especially to those who aren't kind to us. But God, I pray that each and every day from here on out, we would continue to find ways to show Your love and kindness to the world. Help us to be kind to people who aren't kind to us. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid show their parents their written prayer to God. Prompt each kid to share what they learned today—that even when you are in a tough situation, you can **be kind to people who aren't kind to you.**