

LESSON 11
"KINDNESS"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (pages 331-332)

CHARACTER WORD

Kindness - A friendly, good-natured attitude toward others

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

Because God is *kind* to me, I can show *kindness* to others.

MEMORY LINK

Galatians 6:10a

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all."
(KBC Study Bible, page 1284)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Paper strips, beach pails

Option 2: Index cards, beach pails

BIBLE CONNECTION

Resource item

SURF TEAM TIME

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: No supplies needed

Option 2: Bean bags, Resource item

David Shows Kindness

WHAT'S THE POINT?

An attitude of kindness flows out naturally from a Spirit-filled heart. In fact, kindness is listed as one of the Fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 (page 1283). Think about fruit for a minute. How is it produced? It is not possible for fruit to grow from a plant that has no roots. In Christian terms, it is not possible to be truly kind unless you are deeply rooted in Jesus Christ and living according to God's Word.

The motivation behind our kindness to others begins with the understanding of God's kindness to us. David's kindness to Mephibosheth is a beautiful picture of God's kindness. We don't deserve to have a place at God's table, but He offers us not only a place at the table but sonship and adoption as His children. God's kindness is generous and freely given. He desires an intimate, personal relationship with us beyond what we deserve. Giving His only Son in our place was God's ultimate act of kindness toward us. All thanks and praise to God for His great loving kindness to us!

GET CONNECTED


Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Our character word today is kindness – a friendly, good-natured attitude toward others.
- How does it feel to be friendly and show kindness?
- In today's story, David decided to show kindness in order to honor his friend.
- Do you know anyone who is known for being kind?
- What are some everyday opportunities you have to be kind?

 Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing students' hearts toward God



Remember that your main focus is not teaching songs, it is teaching young people how to worship. The word worship translates, "God's worth." Worship is the act of assigning to God His true worth. Try your best as a leader to worship as you lead. The students will see you model worship through your eyes and facial expressions as well as your body language.

Consider these song choices: "Give it Away", by Maryville Vineyard Kids Worship; "Kindness", by Chris Tomlin; "The Fruit" (Galatians 5:16& 22), by Seeds Family Worship

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students
 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Ask students to hold their Bibles high in the air. Count how many students remembered to bring their Bibles. Commend those who brought their Bibles and encourage those who did not to bring their Bibles next week.

Today’s Memory Link is in the New Testament book of Galatians, which the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians who lived in Galatia. God gave Paul the words to write. We can learn from this book (as we can all other Bible books) how to treat others. In the Old Testament book, 2 Samuel, you will hear a story about a man who chose to treat someone with kindness, just like the book of Galatians teaches.

Focus on today’s Memory Link

Instruct the students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Galatians 6:10a (page 1284). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud.

Today’s character word is kindness, which is a friendly, good-natured attitude toward others. Today’s Memory Link verse instructs us to do good to others every time we get the chance. In fact, it says, as we have opportunity, do good to ALL, not just the people we like. Is it easy to do good and treat people with kindness if we do not like them or they are mean to us? (No.) It is not easy, but we are to do it anyway because God is good and kind to us, even when we don’t deserve His kindness.

Option 1 - BUCKET BRIDADE

Paper strips, one beach pail per surf team

Prepare: Write each word of the verse on a separate strip of paper. Place the words in a beach pail.

Instruct each surf team to line up single file across the room from a beach pail. On “go,” instruct the first person in each line to run to the team pail, find the first word of the verse, place it on the floor next to the pail, then run back to the team. The next person will run to the pail, find the second word and place it next to the first word. Continue by placing each word in the correct order. The person who finds the pail empty will read the verse aloud then put the words back in the pail. Play as many rounds as time permits.

Option 2 - AS YOU GO

Index cards, one beach pail per surf team

Prepare: Write the following actions on separate index cards: hop, skip, walk backwards, fast walk, dance for each surf team.

Instruct each surf team to sit in a circle. Explain that they will take turns selecting an action card. On their turn they will walk around the outside of the circle saying the Memory Link verse while doing the action written on the index card they pulled from the bucket. If your group is large, encourage them to kindly select a friend and complete the walking and reciting around the circle together.

Galatians 6:10a

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1284)

Teaching Tip
 When does Beach Club begin? When the first student arrives. Even though it’s tempting to talk and catch up with our co-leaders, resist the urge! Be sure that you are greeting the students by name and talking with them the moment they arrive.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's character word through gospel-centered Bible story

4 copies of the script (Resource item)

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Set the Stage

When Saul was king, his son, Jonathan was David's best friend. They loved each other like brothers. They promised each other that they would always take care of each other's families. After both King Saul and Jonathan died in war, David became king over Israel. Let's read the Bible to see how King David kept his promise to Jonathan and took the opportunity to show kindness.

Tell the Story

Invite students to find 2 Samuel 9:1-13 in their KBC Study Bibles (pages 331-332). Ask them to keep their Bibles open so they can follow along with the story.

Let's read together, the section heading of 2 Samuel 9 - David's Kindness to Mephibosheth, page 331 in your KBC Study Bible. Today's character word is kindness. Mephibosheth (meh-FIB-oh-sheth) was the son of David's best friend, Jonathan, and was lame in both feet. Lame means that he had trouble walking. Ziba, a servant of the house of Saul, is also an important part of today's story. Let's listen as our actors share today's story!

Narrator: The story began with David remembering his promise to Jonathan to take care of his family. He asked if there was anyone left who was related to Saul and Jonathan that he could show kindness to. They sent for Ziba, who had served in Saul's house, because he would know if there were any family members still living.

David: Are you Ziba?

Ziba: At your service!

David: Is there still someone from Saul and Jonathan's family to whom I may show the kindness of God for Jonathan's sake?

Ziba: Indeed! He lives in Lo Debar. He is the son of Jonathan and is lame in his feet.

(Actors freeze)

Narrator: You heard David say it, and you can find it in verse 3 – what kind of kindness does David describe? (The kindness of God.) David knew that kindness reflected God's character.

Mephibosheth was injured by an accident that happened to him when he was 5 years old. In those days, people who were disabled were often cast aside. People did not show kindness to them. Let's see what happened when Mephibosheth arrived...

Mephibosheth: (fell on his face and laid down before David)

David: Mephibosheth?

Mephibosheth: Here is your servant!

David: Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.

As You Prepare
Be sure to have 4 copies of the script with you (Resource Item). Choose 3 students ahead of time to volunteer to read the scripts as David, Ziba and Mephibosheth. Ask an adult leader to be the Narrator or you may choose to narrate.

Teaching Tip
When asking students to read a script for the Bible Connection, give each student the script when they arrive at Beach Club. Share some instructions about when to come to the front to help you with the story. Be sure to ask students who are strong readers, willing to speak up loudly, and will not be a distraction.

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(Actors freeze)

Narrator: *What do you think David meant when he said, “for Jonathan’s sake?” (He loved Jonathan and had promised to take care of his family.) As king, did David have to keep his promise? (No, he chose to show kindness.)*

Mephibosheth: *What is your servant that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?*

David (to Ziba): *I have given to your master’s son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. Take your sons and servants and work the land so that he will have plenty.*

Ziba: *Me, my 15 sons and 20 servants will do all that you have commanded.*

David: *Mephibosheth will eat at my table like one of my sons.*

Narrator: *So, Mephibosheth, who had lame feet, lived the rest of his life in Jerusalem and ate at the king’s table.*

(Allow the actors to return to the group.)

David loved God and wanted to keep his promise to his friend, Jonathan. He chose to seek out a way to show kindness. It did not matter that Mephibosheth was lame and that most people did not see his value. Even Mephibosheth referred to himself as a dead dog. David still showed kindness. He brought Mephibosheth into his home and treated him like family.

Application

God is kind to us and He wants us to be kind to others like David was kind to Mephibosheth. He wants us to show kindness not only to people who are like us or are easy to be kind to, but to everyone!

Gospel Connection 

God’s kindness is given to us today, too, because He provided a way for us to be part of His family. We are separated from God because of our sin, so God sent Jesus to die on the cross and pay the price for our sin. When you ADMIT that you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sins, He does! If you BELIEVE that Jesus died on the cross and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by confessing, or saying out loud, that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, you become part of God’s family and are no longer separated from Him.

Close in prayer.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to meet with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Gospel Tip

When talking with a young person about the gospel, look for understanding beyond the facts. It’s easy for them to restate the truth of the gospel, remember Bible verses or recite the A-B-Cs. Those are important foundational truths. Does the student express a personal need for a Savior? Do you observe conviction of sin and a heart of repentance? There is a difference between knowing facts about Jesus and choosing to trust Jesus as Savior and make Him Lord.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Option 1 - MATCH ME

No supplies needed

Explain that you will call out a characteristic and a number. Students will find another person with the same characteristics. For example, if you call out "shirt color, 2", students must form a group of two people linking arms at the elbow. Everyone in the group should have the same shirt color. Allow a few seconds for them to form groups. Find a group with the correct number of people all of whom meet the characteristics given. Allow them to answer a review question. Repeat the process. Choose from the following characteristics or create your own: height, type of shoes, color shirt, color hair, length of pants, grade, letter of first name, number of siblings and sleeve length.

Option 2 - BEAN BAG TOSS

Bean bag, large sheet of paper with Kindness written on it per surf team

Place the Kindness poster on the floor. Instruct the surf teams to line up single file around the Kindness poster, about 8 feet back. Give the first person in each line a bean bag. On "go" they will toss their bean bags toward the poster. The one whose beanbag lands closest gets to answer the question. When the question is answered, instruct the students to walk to the back of their line Repeat until all the questions have been answered.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is today's character word? (kindness)
2. In what book is today's Memory Link found? (*Galatians*)
3. In what book is today's Bible Story found? (*2 Samuel*)
4. Who are the 3 people in today's story? (*David, Ziba, Mephibosheth*)
5. What was the question David asked Ziba? (*Are there any relatives of Saul and Jonathan left alive?*)
6. Who was Jonathan's son? (*Mephibosheth*)
7. What was wrong with Mephibosheth? (*He was lame in both feet.*)
8. What did David do for Mephibosheth? (*David gave him all of his family's land and a place at his table.*)
9. How does God show kindness to us? (*He forgives us of our sins.*)
10. What types of people are we supposed to be kind to? (*all*)

Teaching Tip

As you lead in a game or activity, have fun! Engage with the students and tune in to what's going on. They can tell if you are enjoying playing with them. When you do, they will have more fun and will be more apt to listen to you as you teach.

Teaching Tip

Is there a student in your Beach Club that is tough to handle? Do you find that there is one who gets on your nerves? Pray for that student! Ask God to allow you to love that one as He does. It will change the way you see that student.



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