

LESSON 4
“KINDNESS”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Genesis 13:1-11
(KBC Study Bible, page 16)

CHARACTER WORD

Kindness – A friendly, good-natured attitude toward others

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

With God's help, I can be kind and get along with others.

MEMORY LINK

Genesis 13:8a

“Let there be no strife between you and me.”

(KBC Study Bible, pg. 16)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

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

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Jump rope

Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

None

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Paper plates, cotton balls, painters' tape
Option 2: Small foam cups

Abram Gets Along with Lot

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Kindness is simple to understand, but hard to really live out. Our selfishness and personal agendas get in the way of putting first the needs of others and choosing to get along with others. God showed us the ultimate act of kindness by looking beyond our sin and providing a Savior, Jesus. Our simple actions of kindness today reflect the tremendous act of kindness God showed 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. What does kindness mean to you?
- Is it easy or hard to show kindness to strangers? Family members?
- What kinds of things do you argue about with family or friends?
- How does it feel when someone is kind to you?



Guide clubbers 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 hearts toward God



When considering song selections, it doesn't hurt to repeat last week's song and then add a new song you can teach them this week. Make sure to provide visuals so students can see the words. If you don't have access to a projector or TV, consider printing the words on posters and laminate them so you can continue to use them. If you need ideas, consider these song choices:

“One Way” by Hillsong Kids

“Lean on Me” by DC Talk

MEMORY LINK



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

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

Focus on the Bible

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. Also tell them that if they have never received a KBC Study Bible before they will receive one on Great Treasure Day!

Focus on Today's Memory Link

The Bible helps us know how to get along with others. Our Memory Link today is Genesis 13:8a, found on page 16 in your KBC Study Bible. If you don't have a KBC Study Bible you will get one on Great Treasure Day!

Genesis is the first book in the Bible and is in the Old Testament. The words are spoken by Abram. Abram faced a situation with his nephew, Lot, which could have ended up in strife. Strife means to have conflict with someone, usually an angry or bitter disagreement. Abram didn't want to fight with Lot. So, he chose to show kindness to him instead.

Next time you are in a situation where you are about to enter into an angry or bitter disagreement with someone, think instead about how can you show kindness and choose to get along. Showing kindness will often prevent conflict.

Option 1 - VERSE JUMP

Jump rope

Invite two students to hold the jump rope. Instruct surf teams to line up, single file, at one end of the rope. Let the students take turns jumping rope while saying the memory verse and scripture reference. On each jump, students will say a word of the verse. After each student completes the verse, they will stop and take their turn holding one end of the rope so that another student can have a turn.

Option 2 - SHAKE ON IT

No supplies needed

Instruct surf teams to stand in a circle then instruct the students to say the verse with a partner as they shake hands. Allow students to switch partners and repeat. Challenge them to say the verse with as many different partners as time allows. More advanced groups may try saying every other word with their partners as they shake hands.

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Genesis 13:8a

"Let there be no strife between you and me."

(KBC Study Bible, pg. 16)

Bible 101
Use your KBC Study Bible to show the students they will get their very own copy soon. Be sure to use it all throughout Beach Club®. This shows them that everything they will learn in Beach Club® comes from God's word.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Our Bible story today is in the Old Testament and is found in Genesis 13, page 16 in your KBC Study Bible. It's about a man named Abram. Abram and his nephew Lot had been living in the same area with their families and livestock such as sheep, goats and cows. Abram had become very wealthy and had a lot of livestock. Lot also had livestock. Abram and Lot had so many animals that the land did not have enough grass to support all the animals.

Tell the Story

It all began one day when God told Abram to leave his home and go to a place God would show him. Abram obeyed God and left his home just like God told him to do. His nephew, Lot, went with him. They both gathered their families and all their possessions and herds of animals and went to the place God told Abram. When Abram reached the place God told him to go, he worshipped God.

Abram and Lot set up their tents close to each other. As time passed, their families got larger and so did the herds of animals. When the number of animals grew so big that the land could not support them all, the herdsmen began to quarrel. Abram did not want them to fight and quarrel.

Let's look in our Bibles at our memory verse again and see what Abram said. "Please, let there be no strife between you and me and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren." They were family. Abram didn't want the herdsmen to argue with each other. Abram wanted to show them kindness so he came up with a plan.

Abram told Lot they must separate their families and live in different places. Abram let Lot choose first and told him if he went to the left, then he would go to the right; or, if he went to the right, Abram would go to the left. Lot looked all around and saw the land of Jordan. It was beautiful. Many things grew there and it had plenty of water for his family and animals. So, Lot chose to move east with his family.

After Lot left, God said to Abram, "Look north, south, east and west. I will give you and your children all the land you can see. I will give you so many descendants that there will be too many to count."

Abram moved his family and his possessions to the land that God showed him, and when Abram got to Hebron, he worshipped God. God was pleased with Abram and how he handled the conflict between his herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen. God showed kindness to Abram by blessing him.

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As You Prepare

People love a personal story that connects to the lesson. Incorporate your own life experience into this time to show the relevance of the Bible. Remember to keep your personal story brief, age-appropriate and to the point so you can tie it back into the lesson.

As You Prepare

Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide you. Take care to weave the gospel into every story, always pointing lessons back to the cross.

Application

Abram had a personal relationship with God. God helped him show kindness to Lot, and then blessed Abram for his obedience. Think about someone you have trouble getting along with. Just like God helped Abram show kindness to Lot, God can also help you show kindness.

Gospel Connection 

Do you know that God shows kindness to us? He shows kindness when He provides food and shelter. He shows kindness through the beautiful world He created for us to enjoy.

But the Bible says that people have strife, or conflict, with God because of our sin. Sin is when we say and do things that go against His word and make Him sad. But God showed kindness to us by providing a solution for our sin problem. Jesus Christ, God’s only son, came to earth and died for our sin, then defeated death and came back to life again. Jesus did all that so He could be your Forever Friend!

Let’s review the ABCs of inviting Jesus to come into our life. Simply ADMIT (or tell Jesus) you’re a sinner, ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is the Son of God and He died for your sin. Then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus. If you have never done this before and you want to know more about inviting Jesus to be your Forever Friend, then please come talk with me after I pray.

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

Gospel Tip

Leading a child to Christ is the most important part of every lesson. Be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Take time to clearly communicate God’s plan of salvation. Use scripture. Always give them an opportunity to respond with clear instructions on how to receive Jesus and where to go for decision counseling.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about today's story?*

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage students to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 of the Hang 10 page. Read Ruth 2:20 (KBC Study Bible, page 283). I want to encourage you to talk to someone in your family about what you learned this week about kindness. If your family has been kind, remind your family member about that time and talk about how you can be kind to others.

Pray

Encourage students to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a volunteer to lead the surf team in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You for Your kindness in dying for our sin and coming back to life. Please remind us to be kind this week to the people we come in contact with. In Jesus' name, amen.

Connection Tip

If you haven't already, begin now to plan your Great Treasure Day. Make it special. Secure someone to video and take pictures. Please share with us at photos@kbcmail.org or video@kbcmail.org. For more Great Treasure Day helpful tips and resources go to the Club Leader Tools page at KiDsBeachClub.org/great-treasure-day.

Record Keeping Tip

Check the KOMS™ weekly. Look for students that are awaiting approval that need to be activated. Enter attendance and professions of faith within 24-48 hours. For instructions refer to your KBC Leadership Manual - Record Keeping Made Easy or contact KiDs Beach Club®.



MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

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

Option 1 - HERD THE SHEEP

Paper plates, cotton balls, painters’ tape

Prepare

For every two surf teams, put one long strip of tape (about 6 feet) on the floor. The tape strips should be in different areas to allow room to play. Put about 10 cotton balls near each line of tape.

Pair up surf teams. Instruct each surf team to stand on opposite sides of the tape line. Students (herdsmen and women) use paper plates to fan and move the cotton balls (sheep) to the other team’s side of the tape. Tell the teams to freeze when you say, “Let there be no strife between you and me.” When they freeze, count the “sheep” on each side of the tape line. The team with the least amount of sheep will answer a review question. Repeat until you have asked all of the questions or until time runs out.

Option 2 - CUP SMASH

Small styrofoam cups

Instruct each surf team to form two teams or invite two surf teams to play against each other. Invite one volunteer from each team to play. Instruct players to stand facing each other at a table or sit facing each other on the floor. Players keep their hands behind their backs. Place a cup upside down in front of each student. Ask a review question. The first player to reach out and crush their cup gets to answer the question and earn a point for their team. If the player does not give the correct answer, his opponent has an opportunity to “steal.” Continue until all questions are answered or time runs out.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *What is today’s Character Word? (kindness)*
2. *What does kindness mean? (a friendly, good natured attitude toward others)*
3. *Who were the two people in our story? (Abram, Lot)*
4. *What caused strife or conflict between the herdsmen? (fighting over water and land)*
5. *What kinds of animals did Abram and Lot have? (cattle, sheep, goats)*
6. *What did Abram say when the herdsmen were quarreling? HINT: it’s our Memory Link. (“Let there be no strife between you and me.”)*
7. *How did Abram show kindness to Lot? (Abram let Lot choose first)*
8. *How did God show kindness to all people? (sent Jesus to die in our place)*
9. *What separates us from a relationship with God? (sin)*
10. *How can we start a relationship with God? HINT: ABC. (Ask, Believe, Choose to follow)*

Teaching Tip

Students love to play games. The Make-it-Stick Review Game Time is designed to have fun by playing a game with the purpose of reviewing all that’s been taught in Beach Club® that day.

**“Let there be
no strife
between you
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Genesis 13:8a

