Lesson 28: I Can Be Kind

To encourage you to be kind to others.
OUR OPENING PRAYER WILL BE GIVEN BY

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What Is this?
A map is a drawing of an area such as a country or city.
People use maps to tell them how to get from one place to another.
This map shows the Holy Land, where Jesus Christ lived when he was on the earth.
This is Judea.

People who lived in this part of the Holy Land were called Jews.
This is Samaria.

People who lived in Samaria were called Samaritans.
During Jesus’ time the Jews and Samaritans did not understand or like each other.
The Jews felt they were better than the Samaritans.
Jews would not eat in the home of a Samaritan or eat food prepared by Samaritans.
The Jews disliked the Samaritans so much that if they had to travel to Galilee (point out Galilee) they would go all the way around Samaria even though it was shorter to go through Samaria.
Look at how much farther it would be to go around Samaria than through it to get to Galilee.
When Jesus Christ was on the earth, he often told stories to help people understand his teachings.
One of the stories he told was about a Samaritan.
Here are a few things to remember.
1. The wounded man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho (See arrows on map).
2. The first man who passed by without stopping to help was a Jewish priest. Priests worked in the temple and were thought to be righteous and holy men.
3. The second man who passed by without helping was a Levite.

* Levites also worked in the temple and were important in the Jewish religion.
4. The third man was a Samaritan. He stopped to help the wounded man.
Because this Samaritan man was so kind, he is called the Good Samaritan.
Let’s act out the Good Samaritan Story.
Which man was kind?
Which man did what the Savior would want him to do?
After Jesus told this story, he said we should do as the Good Samaritan did and be kind to everyone.
Being kind to everyone isn’t always easy, especially if someone makes us feel bad or treats us unkindly.
Let’s listen to the following story about a girl who learned a great lesson when another child treated her unkindly.

Listen for her solution to her problem.
Luisa and Todd were friends and enjoyed playing together. One afternoon, however, they got into an argument. Luisa called Todd a name, and Todd pushed Luisa down. When she began to cry, he made a face at her.
What would you do if you were Luisa?
Luisa went to find her father. She knew that he would help her. Luisa told her father how Todd had pushed her down and had been mean to her. She asked her father to go outside and punish Todd.
Luisa’s father told her that punishing Todd might not be the best thing to do. He told Luisa to go into the kitchen instead and spread some jam on two pieces of bread. Then he told her to take one of the pieces of bread to Todd. If she did that, Luisa’s father said, she would have a friend instead of an enemy.
Luisa did as her father told her. When she went back outside and offered the bread and jam to Todd, he looked at her for a moment and then took the gift. Todd and Luisa smiled at each other and sat down to enjoy their bread and jam. They were friends again.

(Adapted from Lucile C. Reading, “A Piece of Bread and Jam,” Children’s Friend, Apr. 1967, p. 13.)
What did Luisa want to do after Todd pushed her?
What is our first reaction when someone is unkind to us?
What happened when Luisa was kind to Todd?
What would have happened if Luisa had not been kind to Todd?
Jesus wants us to be kind even if others are not kind to us.
Let’s read from John 15:12
This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
Let’s sing “Jesus Said Love Everyone”

This song can remind us to be kind and do what Jesus would have us do.
Jesus said love ev'ryone;
Treat them kindly, too.
When your heart is filled with love,
Others will love you.

Words and music: Moiselle Renstrom, 1889-1956
I going to describe some situations in which you can choose to be kind.
1. As you are walking down the street, you see that someone has had a bicycle accident. As you get closer, you see that it is a boy who is always teasing you. His pant leg is caught in the chain of his bicycle. He cannot move without help.
What could you do to be kind to the boy?
2. You have planned a special party for your birthday next week, and you want to invite all the children in your neighborhood except one. She is new in the neighborhood. She never smiles and isn’t much fun to play with.
What could you do to be kind to this girl?
3. While playing with your friends you fell down. One of your friends called you clumsy and laughed at you. Now your friend has fallen down and is crying.
What could you do to be kind to your friend?
4. A boy in your class at school uses braces to help him walk. When all the children go out to play, he gets left behind because he walks slowly. He often sits by himself, watching everyone else play ball.
What could you do to be kind to this boy?
Let’s Review

What have we learned in today’s lesson?
Let’s Review

Why is it important to be kind?
Let’s Review

When we love others and are kind to them, we show that we are disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ.
Let’s Review

This is what we learned when we read John 13:34-35
34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
Jesus wants us to show love for others by being kind.

We should be kind to everyone, even to those who do not always treat us kindly.

I want to testify to you about the importance of following Jesus by choosing to be kind.
I want to encourage you to make a special effort to be kind to others during the coming week.

Remember to think of the words to the song “Jesus Said Love Everyone” when they need to remember how to treat someone.

Take notice what happens when they choose to be kind.
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Jesus told many stories, or parables, to help people learn the truth.
One day a leader of the Jews asked Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. The Savior asked him what the scriptures said. The leader said that a man should love God and also love his neighbor. Jesus said that he was right. Then the leader asked, “Who is my neighbour?”
Jesus answered by telling the man a story. One day a Jewish man was walking on the road to the city of Jericho. Thieves robbed and beat him. They left the man on the road, almost dead.
Soon a Jewish priest came by and saw the man. The priest walked by on the other side of the road. He did not help the man.
Another Jewish man who worked in the temple came by. He saw the injured man. But he did not help the man either and walked by on the other side of the road.
Then a Samaritan man came along. The Jews and the Samaritans did not get along. But when the Samaritan saw the man, he felt sorry for him.

He took care of the man’s wounds and put clothes on him.

Luke 10:33-34; John 4:9;
The Samaritan took the man to an inn and cared for him until the next day. When the Samaritan had to leave, he gave money to the innkeeper and told him to take care of the man.
After Jesus told this story, He asked the Jewish leader which of the three men was a neighbor to the injured man.
The leader said that the Samaritan was because he had helped the man. Jesus told the Jewish leader to be like the Samaritan.