

252 Basics®

Group and Family Experiences for K-5th Grades

Child Care

Virtue: Kindness—showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Memory Verse: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” *Luke 6:31, NIV*

Bible Story: Child Care (Jesus and the children) • *Mark 10:13-16*

Bottom Line: Treat others the way Jesus would treat them.

1. Practice Makes Perfect (*application activity / great for boys / review the Bible lesson*)

SUPPLIES: dolls and action figures OR “Hand Figures” (Activity Page) and body crayons

Ask questions about today’s Bible story, including the following:

- Who thought Jesus was too busy for the children? (*The disciples*)
- What did Jesus tell the disciples? (*That He wanted the children to come to Him*)
- How did Jesus treat people? (*He was kind; He did good things for them; He made them feel valuable*)
- What can we do to treat others the way Jesus would treat them? (*Various answers*)

Explain that kids are going to get a chance to practice treating people the way Jesus would treat them. Give each child a doll or action figure and ask kids to pair up. Then read a scenario from the list below. One kid will use the doll or figure to be the person in the scenario, and the other will use his doll to act out how Jesus would treat that person. Encourage kids to come up with a few scenarios of their own.

If you don’t have dolls/action figures, help kids use body crayons to draw a figure on their hands. See “Hand Figures” for details.

Scenarios:

- A girl fell down on the playground. How would Jesus treat her?
- A boy in your class just found out his dog died. How would Jesus treat him?
- Your dad had a hard day at work. How would Jesus treat him?
- You have a substitute teacher because your teacher is sick. How would Jesus treat her?
- Your little sister just ripped your favorite book. How would Jesus treat her?
- Your mom forgot to buy whipped cream for the ice cream at your birthday party. How would Jesus treat her?

SMALL GROUP LEADER: *[Apply]* “Here’s another rule to follow about kindness to help us know how to treat others: *[Impress]* treat others the way Jesus would treat them. We know that Jesus treats others like they’re extremely valuable. So let’s do that, too. Let’s treat others the way Jesus would and show them how valuable they are!”

* 2. Kindness Comic (*application activity*)

SUPPLIES: “Comic Strips” (Activity Page), crayons

[Apply] Tell kids that Jesus gave others His time and attention and that they should show others they’re valuable by giving them their time and attention, too. Ask kids to think about someone they can give their time and attention to this week and what they might do. For instance, they might spend time with a grandparent by playing a game together. *[Personalize]* Tell kids one way you will give your time and attention to someone this week. Give each kid a “Comic Strip” page and ask them to draw a comic strip showing what they will do to give their time and attention to the person they have chosen.

SMALL GROUP LEADER: “Jesus showed people they are valuable. Let’s do just like Jesus did and treat others with kindness. *[Impress]* Treat others the way Jesus would treat them.”

3. Verse Line Up (*memory verse activity*)

SUPPLIES: “Memory Verse Phrases” (Activity Page), Bibles

Help kids look up Luke 6:31 in their Bibles. (If needed, refer to week 1 for tips.) Say the verse together several times. Then give each kid a phrase and ask the group to line up in order. Say the verse together one more time.

SMALL GROUP LEADER: *[Apply]* “Jesus gave all kinds of people His time and attention. He didn’t just pick out certain types of people to be kind to. Show others they’re valuable and treat them the way you want to be treated by giving them your time and attention. *[Impress]* Treat others the way Jesus would treat them.”