

## Love Is Kind

**MEMORY VERSE:** Ephesians 4:32, "...be kind to one another...." (NKJV)

**TAKE HOME POINT:** Be kind to others.

#### TO THE TEACHER:

There are three things to know about kindness:

- God gives
   us lots of
   opportunities
   to show
   kindness.
- 2. How we show kindness.
- 3. What do you do if you are the kid that doesn't have any friends?

#### God gives us lots of opportunities to show kindness.

Let's look at some of the opportunities:

- The new kid. Have you ever been the new kid at school or church? What does that feel like? Many times the new kid is ignored at school and even at church. New kids should not have to fight their way into our cliques.
- The unpopular kid. Every school has one of these kids. He or she is the kid that everybody picks on. Kids can be pretty mean sometimes. Especially when it becomes fun to pick on the unpopular kid. God wants us to be kind to everybody.
- The bully. This is the kid that is always angry. He takes out
  his anger on the other kids. Do we have to be kind to the
  bully? Absolutely! Jesus died for everybody, even for bullies.

**How do we show kindness?** There are different ways that we can show kindness to others.

 We can show kindness with our words. You can go up to the new kid and start talking to him or her. Ask them questions.
 Say kind things about them (their hair looks nice, they have a cool backpack.)

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• We show kindness with our actions. Spend some time playing catch with the unpopular kid. Invite them over for ice cream.

- We show kindness by giving. You can share your candy bar with the kid that everyone else is being mean to.
- We show kindness with our thoughts. Do you think kind thoughts about other people? Ask yourself why does the bully act so mean? It is possible he is being picked on by somebody else. Ask God to show you how to show kindness to the bully.

# What do you do if you are the kid that doesn't have any friends? What if you are the new kid?

- The Bible says if a man wants friends to show himself friendly.
   In order to get friends you have to be a friend.
- Show kindness to other people and people will be kind back to you.



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### **LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE**

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	1.	Participation Awards	
	2.	Praise & Worship	
	3.	Announcements	
	4.	Offering	
	5.	Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #5
	6.	Bottom Line:	Be Kind To Others
	7.	Memory Verse:	Ephesians 4:32, "be kind to one another"
	8.	Drama:	Not Too Bright: "Horrible Birthday"
	9.	Object Lesson:	Chocolate Kindness
	10.	Short Film:	The Doorbell
	11.	Inter-Active Lesson:	The Fruit of Kindness
	12.	Altar Call	
	13.	Digital Review Questic	ons
	14.	Small Groups	



#### **MOTION COMIC**

## The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Agape: Episode #5



**Goal:** get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question "What is the Bottom Line?" Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.
- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question "What is the Memory Verse?"
   Again words pop up one at a time.
- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA Not Too Bright: "Horrible Birthday"

**TAKE HOME POINT:** God's Love is in us.

**CHARACTERS:** Not Too Bright

**PROPS:** Not Too Bright Costume

Cell Phone Water Bottle Birthday Card

**DRAMA SKIT:** 

(Not Too Bright enters the classroom from the back of the room. He is

talking loudly on a cell phone.)

NTB: (On the phone) No, you can't give him rotten cheese for his birthday

this year. That's what I gave him last year, you dummy! (Pause) No you are the dummy! (Pause) Well, if I am a dummy, then you are a fish face dummy, and you scream like a girl! (Pause) Hello? (Pause) (To the class) He hung up on me. (Chuckles) It must be because I said that he

screams like a girl! That was a good insult, if you ask me!

Teacher: (Taps NTB on the shoulder from behind)

NTB: (Screams like a girl) What? Oh, it's you. I didn't see you behind me.

(Rudely) So, what do you want?

Teacher: Who was that on the phone? And why were you being so mean?

NTB: That was just my cousin Jeffrey. He was calling to see what I was going

to get my brother for his birthday.

Teacher: But why were you being so mean?

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#### **Not Too Bright: "Horrible Birthday"** Drama Script — Continued

NTB: 'Cuz he is a dummy! (Chuckles) He thought I was going to get my

brother rotten cheese, and that's OBVIOUSLY what I got him last year. This year, I am going to give him something extra special. Do you want

to know what it is?

Teacher: Not really. It's probably something really gross.

NTB: You are a good guesser! It is gross! See! (Holds up a bottle of water)

Teacher: That's just a normal bottle of water. What's gross about that?

NTB: It looks like a normal bottle of water, but when he drinks it, he is going

to be surprised to find out that the water came from a toilet. (Giggles)

Teacher: That's horrible!

NTB: (Proudly) I know. I wrote him a card too. Here. (Pulls a crumpled card

out of his pocket and hands it to Teacher) Read it. It's a work of literary

genius.

Teacher: (Reading) Dear little brother, you smell like a pig. You look like one too. I

hope you have a horrible birthday. Love, Not Too Bright.

NTB: Isn't that wonderful?

Teacher: No. It's terrible! That's not love at all. That is just mean!

NTB: Of course it is. (Puts a hand to his heart and speaks compassionately) I

am mean BECAUSE I love him.

Teacher: Love is not mean.

NTB: Yes it is.

Teacher: No! The Bible says that love is kind.

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#### **Not Too Bright: "Horrible Birthday"** Drama Script — Continued

NTB: Love is what kind?

Teacher: What kind of what?

NTB: You said that love is kind, so what kind is it?

Teacher: No! Love is not any kind of anything. It is just kind.

NTB: Well, why didn't you just say so?

Teacher: I did.

NTB: Oh, well, if love is kind, then I am doing really good. Because I am KIND

of mean to my brother.

Teacher: Not Too Bright, listen. Love is kind. Kind means caring, nice, gentle, and

compassionate.

NTB: I'm giving him a gift and that is nice.

Teacher: You are giving him a bottle of toilet water. That's just nasty.

NTB: So, if I love my brother, I shouldn't give him a bottle of toilet water?

Teacher: No. And you shouldn't tell him that he smells like a pig in his card either.

You should find a nice gift and say something thoughtful. It would be

kind and let him know you love him.

NTB: Well, I've got some work to do (Pulls out his cell phone. He dials and

begins talking as he exits out the back of the room) Hey, Jeffrey. I told you the toilet water was a bad idea you dummy! (Pause) No you are the

dummy. (Pause) Well, you are a double dummy... (Exits)

The End



**OBJECT LESSON** 

### **Chocolate Kindness**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 

Ephesians 4:32

**TAKE HOME POINT:** 

Spread the kindness inside of you around to others.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** 

1 large Hershey chocolate bar Box of Graham Crackers Bag of marshmallows Long stick or skewer

#### PREPARATION:

- Place the Graham
   Crackers and
   marshmallows on
   a table in front of
   the class.
- Hide the Hershey chocolate bar out of sight.

#### SPECIAL NOTES:

 Buy enough funsized Hershey chocolate bars to give to each child in class.

#### **OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

How many of you have had Smores before? One of my favorite parts of kids camp is making smores at the campfire.

(Pick up a marshmallow and put it on the stick or skewer.)

First you roast the marshmallow over the campfire. Some people like to burn their marshmallow. I don't like it that way. I want my marshmallow to be a toasty brown (not burnt) so I need to keep it over the fire, but away from the flames.

After roasting one marshmallow, I take it off the stick and put it on a Graham Cracker. It is kind of like a little sandwich. And then I eat it.

(Take a bite of it.) Wait a minute! You know what? Something is missing. It just doesn't taste right.

(Allow children to respond.) Oh! I forgot the Hershey's chocolate bar.

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#### **Chocolate Kindness** Object Lesson — Continued

(Ask a volunteer, in front of the class, to run to the store and get you some chocolate. The volunteer leaves and comes back five seconds later with a chocolate bar. Set this up ahead of time.)

Smores are just not the same without the chocolate. This chocolate bar reminds me of our scripture today. "Be kind one to another." We have God's love in our heart, but we are missing something if we are not kind to people. Just like my Smore was missing something without the chocolate.

Every day we should look for opportunities to show kindness to people. There are lots of opportunities.

**The new kid.** Have you ever been the new kid at school or church? What does that feel like? What are you looking for? If you see a new kid at church, walk up to him and say, "Hi." Don't just sit next to the people you already know. Get to know some new people by showing kindness. (Walk up to a kid and give them a piece of chocolate.)

**The unpopular kid.** Have you ever had a kid in your class that everybody picks on. This is a great opportunity to go against the flow and show kindness to the kid who is always getting picked on. Play a game with him or her during recess or share your dessert with them at lunch. (Hand out another piece of chocolate.)

**The bully.** Do you have a bully at your school? Did you ever ask yourself why is the bully so mean? Maybe the bully has an older brother who picks on him. Try being nice to the bully and show him kindness by sharing your chocolate bar. (Hand out another piece of chocolate.)

You are a kind person. You have lots of kindness to share because you have God's love in your heart. Don't keep it all to yourself. Spread it around.



## INTER-ACTIVE OBJECT LESSON

### The Fruit of Kindness

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** When we are kind we bear good fruit.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** 2 oranges

2 lemons

2 bowls

Masking tape

Four contestants

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut the oranges and lemons into fours.
- Put two lemon and two orange pieces in each bowl.
- Mark off a relay race area either in front of the class or to the side.

#### RULES OF THE GAME:

- Two teams with two contestants for each team.
- Each contestant is to squeeze the juice from a lemon piece, with their teeth, into their mouth and then run the designated course.
- When they finish the course they squeeze the juice of the orange in the same manner.
- When the last drop of juice from the orange is swallowed, then the second person from the team can start with a lemon.
- You can have more contestants, but you will need the appropriate number of lemon and orange slices.

#### **SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

That was a silly way to run a relay race. When you eat a lemon it is quite sour and bitter - unless you add sugar for lemonade. But when you eat the orange it is good and yummy. So you could say the orange is good fruit and the lemon is bitter fruit. This reminds me of something important to Jesus. He wants us to bear good fruit in all that we do. One way that we can bear good fruit is when we are kind to others. Every day, in our Christian walk, we can choose to be kind or rude, to say nice things or to tease someone, to lend a helping hand or ignore someone's needs. In other words, you can be kind like an orange or unkind and bitter like a lemon.



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#### **DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS**

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

#### TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part
of "The Masked Hero"
download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then PAUSE the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Ouestions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

- 1. Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be \_\_\_\_ to one another."
  - a. smelly
  - b. mean
  - c. kind
  - d. smart
- 2. Who should we be kind to?
  - a. The new kid
  - b. The unpopular kid
  - c. The bully
  - d. All of the above
- 3. How do we show kindness?
  - a. With our words
  - b. With our actions
  - c. With our thoughts
  - d. All of the above
- 4. What kind of fruit does God want us to have?
  - a. Watermelon
  - b. Good fruit
  - c. Tomatoes
  - d. Bad fruit
- 5. All Christians have lots of kindness in them.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  - c. Maybe
  - D. When they are at church



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**PROP LIST** (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)			
How many needed?			
Review Prizes (penny candy)			
Not Too Bright: "Horrible Birthday" — Pages 5-7			
Characters			
Not Too Bright			
Props			
Not Too Bright Costume			
Cell Phone			
Water Bottle			
Birthday Card			
Object Lesson: Chocolate Kindness — Pages 8-9			
1 large Hershey chocolate bar			
Box of Graham Crackers			
Bag of marshmellows			
Long stick or skewer			
Inter-Active Lesson: The Fruit of Kindness — Page 10			
2 oranges			
2 lemons			
2 bowls			
Masking tape			
Small Group Club: A Friend Indeed			
Buzz Lightyear toy	A Woody toy		
DVDs of Toy Story, Toy Story 2, and Toy Story 3			
	How many needed		
Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids			
How many copies needed			
FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:			
• Fun-sized Hershey Bars (if you have the resources, purchase enough for every child).			