**2nd Grade – Day #1**

**Bible Stories:** The Golden Rule: Do Unto Others-Kindness – Matthew 7:12 NIV

Jesus Heals the Lepers (Luke 17:11-17)

Jesus Blesses the Children (Mark 10:13-16)

Jesus and Zachaeus – (Luke 19:1-8)

**Memory Verse: “**Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Matthew 7:12 NIV

**Bottom Line:** Do Kindness! Kindness is showing others they are important by treating them the same way you want to be treated.

**Leader’s Note:**

Even if one hasn’t spent much time reading the Bible they no doubt have heard the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Jesus shared this golden rule as part of a long message he gave to his followers called the Sermon on the Mount. The golden rule seems like such a simple guideline, yet we often fall short and think of ourselves way more than we think of others. This week at camp we’ll focus on 4 specific character qualities that will help us do unto others. We begin by exploring kindness, we’ll see the kindness of Jesus in action and challenge the campers to leave camp today “doing” more kindness. You’ll notice there is not one specific Bible story focusing on Kindness, instead you’ll have to the chance to briefly explore a few times Jesus showed kindness during his ministry on earth.

**CHECK-IN**

*As kids arrive have one leader check kids in while the other leader guides kids in the early arriver activity. Make sure each kid has a nametag when they check-in and have parents sign the roster. (depending on location)*

**EARLY ARRIVER ACTIVITY**

**Team Kindness Banner-***Have kids work together to create a Kindness Banner. You might need more than 1 banner depending on the number of kids in your small group.*

**SUPPLIES:** Banner paper with the word Kindness written on it in bubble letters. Markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Stickers (optional)

**DO:**

* Work with kids to come up with a name for their “band” (small group)
* Add their name to the kindness banner.
* Have kids color in the word kindness.
* Talk about ways to show kindness.
* Let each kid sign their name to the banner.
* When finished, use painters’ tape to hang the banner in your small group area.

**WELCOME TIME**

*Gather the kids around in a circle.*

**SAY:** Welcome to The Jesus Tour! My name is (name) and this is (name) and we are going to be your leaders on The Jesus Tour! Are you ready to go on tour with Jesus and learn all about the golden rule? (allow response) Does anyone know what the golden rule is? (allow for answers) Yes, it’s all about treating others the way you want to be treated. Our Bible verse says, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” As fans of Jesus, we are going to learn to do kindness, respect, compassion, and humility by following the examples of how Jesus treated others in the Bible. Along the way we are going to have lots of fun and make some great friends!

Let’s take some time to go over expectations and get to know our other bandmates! On The Jesus Tour, we expect you to treat others the way you want to be treated. That means listening to your leader and following their directions. It also means being kind, sharing and listening when one of your bandmates is talking. Most of all we want to have FUN!

Let’s get to know each other a little better now! I’ll go first to get us started!

**DO:**

* + Have kids say:
    - Name, school they go to, favorite song or performer.

**SAY:** We’ve got a great group! I can’t wait to get to know all of you better over the next four days! Before we get started on our opening activity, I want to share with you what we will be doing on tour! Each morning when you come in you will see we will have a special banner like our kindness banner you worked on this morning. When you get here you can get right to work on it. We’ll have the posters on display for your parents and friends to see at our Friday night party. (might omit putting them up on Friday if space doesn’t allow at your location) After our opening activity in our small group, we’ll go to large group worship, sing some songs, and watch our Bible Story video. Next, it’s snack time and on to our rotations. Each day we will go to missions, crafts, or games. Today we’re going to *(rotation).* Then we will come back to our small group for the Bible story review and a game. That’s a lot to get done each day!

**Opening Activity (Bible Story Intro)-Kindness Road Sign**

**What you need:** Traffic Sign Activity Pages, Markers, Colored Pencils

**What you do:**

* Pass out 1 traffic sign activity page to each camper.
* Make sure each camper has access to a variety of markers/colored pencils.
* **Say:** As we begin the Jesus Tour, we’ll be traveling to the Mountains to hear what Jesus said about kindness. When traveling on the road you’ll find lots of signs pointing you in the right direction or telling you how to stay safe.
* Campers will have 5 minutes to create a road sign that has another word for kindness or a word they think defines kindness.
* Before kids begin, read our definition of kindness: Showing Others they are important by treating them the same way you want to be treated.
* Give kids 5 minutes to work on sign. Be sure to keep time on your cell phone and give 2- and 1-minute warnings.
* Call time and allow kids to show off their signs.
* If you are in a space with walls feel free to tape them up for the day.
* Say: The first stop on the Jesus tour is all about kindness. Let’s hear what Jesus said and did to show us that kindness is important.

**Worship Time-***Take your group to the worship space.*

**Snack Time**

*Snacks will be brought to your room during Worship. Be sure to have kids wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before serving snacks.*

**Talk about:** What was one thing they heard about in Worship that was new to them? What was their favorite song? What did they think about the video they saw? What are some ways that they can show kindness?

**Rec 1 & 2/Crafts/Mission Time-**Kids will move to a different rotation each day.

**Bible Story Time**

**What you need:** “Bible story” skit cards, Jesus Tour map  
**What you do:**

* Show kids where on the provided map today’s story took place.
* Divide your group into 4 groups.
* Give each group 1 skit card.
* Groups will read over the card and then prepare a short skit for the group.
* Groups have 6 minutes to put together a skit.
* Guidelines for skit are:
* Can only say 8 words in the skit.
* Skit has to be 45 seconds to 1:30 long.
* Props are allowed.
* Everyone must have a role.

Once groups have prepared a skit have each skit performed for the group, At the end of each skit congratulate the campers on a wonderful skit and ask the following questions:

#1-What Bible story was this?

#2-Where is kindness in this skit?

#3-Do you think it was easy for Jesus to be kind in this situation?

#4-Why is kindness important?

#5-What does it mean to treat others the way they want to be treated?

**Say:** Jesus not only told people to be kind, but he was also very kind himself. Kindness is showing others they are important by treating them the same way you want to be treated. Followers of Jesus are to be kind.

**Bible Story Wrap-Up**  
**What you need:** Index Cards and Pens  
**What you do:**

* Hand out 1 index card and 1 pen to each camper.
* Have them divide the card into 4 sections with the pen.
* Have them number each section “1,2,3,4”
* In box 1 have them write the name of someone they want to be more card to
* In box 2 have them write where they see this person
* In box 3 have them write one way they are going to try and be kind
* In box 4 have then write “The Golden Rule”

**Closing Activities: Duo Card Game and Daily Challenge  
What you need:** Do Unto Others Playing Cards **What you do:**

* Play a game similar to *“Apples and to Apples.”* Directions are below.
* Divide into groups of 6 or less.
* Each player needs 5 or 6 red playing cards.
* Pick a judge for the first round.
* The judge picks one green card for the middle/category card and lays it in the middle of the group.
* The judge closes his/her eyes.
* Everyone else in the group lays down one red card face down that they think matches the category the best.
* Once all the players have laid down 1 card the judge can open their eyes.
* The judge reads all the submissions and selects his/her favorite.
* The card that the judge picks get a point for that round.
* Play 3-4 more rounds with different judges as time allows.
* As you play work in some intentional conversations about our theme for the week.

**Wrap-Up  
Supplies Needed:** Daily Challenge Cards **What you do:**

* Hand out daily challenge cards.
* Encourage kids to do the challenge of the day at home tonight.
* Close in prayer. You can pray, have a camper pray, or read the prayer below.

Dear Jesus,  
We are so excited to be on the Jesus Tour this week! Help us to show kindness to everyone, not just our friends or the people we live with but to everyone we see this week. In Jesus Name Amen,

*If you have extra time review the verse of the week:*

*“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Matthew 7:12*