

Kindness means showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.



DAY 1

Read Ephesians 4:32 (NIRV)

In the space below or on a piece of paper, list five of your most valued possessions (Things that mean a lot to you, or are your favorite.):

Did you save up your own money to purchase something on this list? Was something on this list given to you by someone you love? You treat your most valued possessions with care and gentleness. How much more should we show kindness by caring for people, who have even more value than things?

This month is all about kindness! Kindness is showing others they are valuable or important by how you treat them. **You can show kindness to others because God is kind to you!** You are highly valued by God. He made you and proved His love for you when He sent Jesus.

Pray and thank God for His love and kindness toward you. Ask Him to help you see just how valuable you are to Him.

DAY 2

Read Joel 2:13 (NIRV)

Have you ever messed up? Maybe you told a lie and got caught. Maybe you took something that didn't belong to you. Maybe you said something really hurtful in the middle of an argument that you wish you could take back.

Did you know that 100% of the time, no matter what you've done, God will treat you with kindness? Below is an incorrect version of today's verse. Cross out the incorrect underlined words and write the correct ones.

"He is angry and unkind. He is quick to get angry.

He is completely out of love."

All have sinned (messed up). No one is perfect as God is perfect. But we have good news. Because of Jesus, God doesn't hold our mistakes, mess ups and our sin against us. We know we can go to him with our sin and He will be tender, kind, slow to anger, and full of love. He will be quick to forgive us if we ask for it.

If God can forgive us and show kindness to us when we mess up, we can choose to be kind to others when they mess up too.

Is there someone you've having trouble showing kindness to? Did that person do something that hurt your feelings? Ask God to help you show kindness just as He has shown kindness to you.

DAY 3

Read Titus 3:4–5 (NirV)

Let's say you break something valuable, like your brand-new tablet. When your mom comes home to find it broken, your little sister steps in and says that she did it. So your little sister gets punished and you walk away, even though the broken tablet was your fault.

This is similar to what Jesus did for you. Because God is perfect and we are not, we are separated from God. And no matter how hard we try; we cannot do enough good things to earn our way into a relationship with Him. We cannot make ourselves into perfect humans.

Jesus stepped in. He took the punishment for all of our mess ups by choosing to die on the cross even when He had done nothing to deserve that punishment. Talk about kindness! Jesus came to save us. He didn't save us because of any good thing we might have done. He saved us by choosing to give His life on the cross to pay the price for our sins.

Did you know this about Jesus? If not, read today's GodTime to an adult you trust that follows God. Talk about the kindness Jesus has shown to all of us and ask how you can choose to follow Him.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 143:8 (NirV)

What are some things you do as part of your morning routine? Circle or touch the words that apply from the list below:

Brush teeth	Eat breakfast	Make my lunch
Make my bed	Finish homework	Put on my shoes
Get dressed	Feed a pet	Check my hair

Psalm 143:8 reminds us that God's love is faithful. That means His kindness is constant, or never changing. And when we trust in Him, He will show us how to share that kindness with others.

Grab three index cards or scraps of paper and write out the words of today's verse on each one. Then select three of the things from the list above that you do each morning to prepare for the day and post each card near those tasks. As you read this verse three times each morning, ask God to help you show kindness to others throughout the day, knowing that He is kind to you.

*Be kind to others because
God is kind to you.*