Rewind: Kindness Deserves a Replay

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MEMORY VERSE

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LIFE APP

Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to people who are overlooked.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience
For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15 MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction
Early Arriver
Memory Matters

25 MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways
Welcome/Opener
Worship
Communication
Prayer

10 MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God
"Alive" from *At the Top of My Lungs*
"We Are One" from *At the Top of My Lungs*

25 MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect
Your Name Here
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Double Sided Kindness
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience
GodTime
Parent Cue

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Connect: *an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container

MEMORY MATTERS

Made to Play: *an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A tray, pan, or large plate
- A variety of small objects to put on the tray
- A cloth or cover
- Slips of paper and pens

STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

OPENER/CLOSER

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Remote control (doesn't have to work)
- *Optional:* Small prize for winner

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room

LARGE GROUP VISUALS (DOWNLOADABLE FROM THE WEBSITE):

- Rewind Theme Slide
- Kindness Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- Find a remote control and hide it somewhere in the room that will be somewhat challenging but not impossible for the kids to find in under two minutes.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Leader
- Bible
- Table
- A few canned goods of non-perishable foods (these can be donated afterward)
- 1 cookie on a plate
- 1 glass of water
- 1 water bottle
- 1 coatrack
- 1 coat (ideally, that's a bit too small for the Leader)
- 2 chairs
- Masking tape
- 1 volunteer (to help move the table)

LARGE GROUP VISUALS (DOWNLOADABLE FROM THE WEBSITE):

- Welcome Sign

WHAT YOU DO:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Print the Welcome Sign. Use masking tape to tape it to the back of one of the chairs so that you can't read it until it's flipped over to face the crowd.
- Place the canned goods, cookie plate, glass of water, and water bottle all on the table. Place the table

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GETTING READY, CONTINUED

somewhere on the stage where it's out of the way for the Opener and Worship. Place the coat on the coatrack, and put the coatrack near the table. Place the two chairs nearby but out of the way as well.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED:
- Leader(s)

MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS (SFX):
- "Alive" from *At the Top of My Lungs*
- "We Are One" from *At the Top of My Lungs*

WHAT YOU DO:
- Download all songs (available on AmberSkyRecords.com) and have them ready to use.
- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

GET REEL: This month with *Get Reel 2.0*, we'll pause and rewind to watch what it looks like to show kindness in each and every situation.

This week, we recommend playing the *Live Loud* video to inspire the key faith skill of Worshiping with Your Life. Also on *Get Reel 2.0*, you can enhance your environment with themed audio transitions (instrumental) to help you move between segments in your Large Group production.

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.
** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

* 1. YOUR NAME HERE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]
Made to Connect: *an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*
WHAT YOU NEED:
- Print the "Your Name Here Fill-In Sheet V1 and V2" Activity Pages; 1 set for every 2 kids
- Pens or pencils

2. OVERLOOKED OVERSEER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
Made to Play: *an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*
WHAT YOU NEED:
- Masking tape

3. DOUBLE SIDED KINDNESS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]
Made to Explore: *an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*
WHAT YOU NEED:
- Print the two pages of the "Double Sided Kindness Puzzle" Activity Page front to back; 1 for each small group
- Bibles

PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]
Made to Reflect: *an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*
WHAT YOU NEED:
- No supplies needed

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GETTING READY, CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue** app.

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Thank God for His eternal kindness. Ask Him to forgive you and to forgive your few for the times you've overlooked someone and, as a result, were unkind to them. Pray that kids would seek out those who are typically overlooked and purposefully seek to be kind to those people.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids warmly to Small Group and direct them to place their offerings in the container.
- Ask a few questions about their favorite foods, drinks, clothes, etc.
- Play "Four Corners."
- For each of these following categories, indicate a corner of your Small Group area that kids can run toward to indicate their choice.
  - Favorite restaurant foods: pizza, tacos, chicken, subs
  - Favorite breakfast foods: cereal, donuts, eggs, waffles
  - Favorite drinks: sodas, milk, fruit juice, water
  - Favorite special treat drinks: iced tea, hot chocolate, milkshakes, soda
  - Favorite clothes: sweatshirt, sneakers, jeans, T-shirt
- Talk about how they decided what they liked. Do they share favorites or tend to keep them to themselves? Why?

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2. MEMORY MATTERS

WHAT YOU NEED: A tray, pan, or large plate; a variety of small objects to put on the tray; a cloth or cover; slips of paper, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Arrange the objects on the tray. Make sure each one is visible. Cover the tray with the cloth.
- Gather the group in a circle and place the tray in the middle.
- Uncover it and let kids have one minute to look at it. They may not touch anything on the tray.
- Cover the tray and remove it from view.
- For older kids, pass out the pens and slips of paper.
  - Direct them to list as many objects as they can remember.
  - You can make it a competition or let them work together.
- For younger kids, let them verbally tell you what they remember on the tray.
- After everyone has finished, bring out the tray and uncover it again.
- Let them look carefully for things they may have missed or overlooked.
- If time allows, play again, but this time after showing the kids the tray for 30 seconds, remove a few items (without them seeing you do it) and let kids try to figure out which ones you removed.

WHAT YOU SAY:
"It might have been easy to overlook—or not notice—some of the smaller things on this tray. ***[Transition]*** **Let's head to Large Group and find out what else can be easily missed."**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.
CG: Rewind Theme Slide

Leader enters.

OPENER

LEADER: ""Everyone, hey! Today faces your of all see to glad so I'm! *(Pause.)* What, you didn't catch that? Let me try that again! Everyone, hey! Today faces your of all see to glad so I'm! *(Pause.)* Nothing? Okay, do any of you have any idea for what I just said? *(Pause to see if anyone gets it.)* I was saying, 'Hey, everyone! I'm so glad to see all of your faces today.' But I said it in reverse, because this month is all about the rewind, especially when it comes to kindness. Be kind, rewind. So I'm practicing my rewind skills! And I don't mean to brag, but I think I'm getting pretty good at it. Although, I'm not sure how helpful it is to speak in rewind.

"BUT when it comes to kindness, rewinding is super helpful! And practicing those kindness rewind skills is important because we think kindness deserves a replay! And what is kindness? Does anyone remember?

CG: Kindness Slide

"Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them. Showing kindness to others is something that you can do over and over and over again. Be kind, rewind, and then be kind again!

"If you've ever been watching a movie and you missed a part or couldn't understand something, you know how important rewinding can be and how valuable a remote is. Has anyone here ever lost a remote? *(Pause for response.)* Yeah, me too!

"Today our remote has gone missing. Well, it's more like I've hidden the remote somewhere in this room. Your job is to find it! I'll help you out by telling you if you're getting hot or cold or, in this case, play or rewind. If you're getting close to the remote, I'll call out your name and say, 'Play.' I'll keep saying it the closer you get to the remote. But if you start moving away from the hidden remote, I'll say, 'Rewind,' and then you'll know you need to go in another direction.

"The first one to find the remote wins! Everyone understand? Any questions? Great! Let's play. On your marks, get set, go!

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While the kids look for the remote, notice when some are moving closer to the remote. Call those kids by name and say, "Play," the closer they get. Also pay attention to those who are moving in the wrong direction, and call them by name and say, "Rewind." Continue until the remote is found, and celebrate the winner. (Prize is optional.)

WORSHIP

LEADER: "Following my directions got you guys to the prize. And following God's directions will lead you to the greatest prize of all—life with Him forever! 2 Corinthians 3:17 says: *Now the Lord is the Holy Spirit. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, freedom is also there (NIrV).* God is truly all we need, and when we follow Him, we will find freedom and love. Everyone, jump up on your feet and let's sing a song to the God who sets us free!

***SFX: "Alive" / track 10 from* At the Top of My Lungs**

"Our God is so great that He sets us free. But it's not just those of us in this room. God created every person that walks this planet. He loves us all, and His great love for us means that we can be one. Let's ask God to give us love for everyone that HE loves as we sing this song."

***SFX: "We Are One" / track 6 from* At the Top of My Lungs**

STORY

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "We are one. It's amazing that God can do that. He can bring all His people together. But sometimes we forget to look out for EVERYone that God made. We forget to look for the people who might feel overlooked and neglected. You guys can have a seat and listen to what Jesus had to say about that.

"This passage in the book of Matthew comes from a sermon Jesus shared with His disciples a short time before He would give up His life for us. He was explaining what it means to be a part of the kingdom of God. Listen to what Jesus thought was so important to communicate to His friends before He left them.

(Open your Bible and read Matthew 25:35-40.) "'I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.' Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. 'Lord,' they will ask, 'when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you needing clothes and give them to you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'" (NIrV).

FOOD AND DRINK

LEADER: "There's a lot in those verses, so let's dig a little deeper. Let's read just the first part again. *(Read Matthew 25:35a) "I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink" (NIrV).*

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Ask a volunteer to help you bring the table over to center stage. Stand behind the table.

"Do you know anyone who needs food or water? You may not know anyone personally, but there are people in our town who don't have enough to eat. One way you can be kind is to donate canned goods and other food to a food pantry *(hold up some of the food)*. And did you know that there are places in the world where they don't have access to clean drinking water? *(Hold up the glass of water.)* It doesn't take that much money to help families and even entire towns get clean drinking water. You can ask your Small Group Leader or your mom or dad for help finding a clean water charity to donate money to.

"And let's take it even closer to home. You can also be kind by sharing the food and drink you have with your own family. *(Hold up a cookie.)* That might mean sharing *(break the cookie in half)* the last cookie with your little sister or sharing your water bottle *(hold up water bottle)* on a long hike when your little brother runs out of his."

CLOTHES

LEADER: But food and drink weren't the only practical ways Jesus gave us to show kindness to those who are overlooked. I'm going to read another verse from that passage. *(Read Matthew 25:36a) "I needed clothes. And you gave them to me" (NIrV).*

Bring the coat rack over next to the table.

"If you're anything like me, you have at least a couple of coats hanging around your house that either don't fit you anymore *(attempt to put on the too-small coat)*, or that you just don't seem to wear very often. Did you know there are people even here in our town who don't have a coat of their own? *(Take off the coat.)* One way you can show them they are valuable is by donating your extra coats and clothes. You can probably find a lot of extra things lying around your house. *(Hang the coat back up.)* Of course, clear it with a parent before you start giving away your clothes, but I bet your mom or dad would be really excited to see you thinking about others who don't have as much as you have."

HOSPITALITY

LEADER: "Jesus gave us a couple of other examples of kindness. Let's read those again. *(Read Matthew 25:35b and 36b) "I was a stranger. And you invited me in. . . . I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me" (NIrV).*

Bring the two chairs over in front of the table while you're talking.

"In each of those situations, we see kindness through hospitality. Hospitality might mean inviting over a friend who needs a place to stay, taking cookies to someone who's sick, or being there for someone when they feel like everyone else has deserted them.

Move in front of the two chairs. Sit down in the one without the sign.

"It's kind of like *(flip over the sign on the other chair)* saying, 'Welcome,' to someone in need. You're welcome to stay here, to sit here, to BE here. Welcome.

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"Maybe you're thinking, 'I don't know anybody who needs a place to stay or who needs someone to come visit them. And I'm not really supposed to talk to strangers.' But take a minute and think about your friends and family members. Even if you know them pretty well, chances are you don't know everything that's going on inside of them. Like that kid who you sit by in school every day who doesn't really say much—you don't know what's happening at his house. Maybe his parents are fighting, or maybe his grandmother is super sick. Even if you know his name and where he sits in class, there are definitely things about him you don't know. What can you do? How can you show kindness? Maybe by offering a seat to him on the bus? Could you invite him to sit with your group of friends at lunch? Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone who is feeling overlooked."

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: "If there's one thing we can take away from Jesus' words and the way that He lived His life on this earth too, it's this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

"Be kind to people who are overlooked.

"And here's the best part. Not only will someone's life be better because of your kindness, but you also get to experience the joy that comes from being kind to people who are overlooked. On top of that, you can also know that you were showing kindness to Jesus too! Say what? It's true. Check it out. I'm going to re-read the last part of that passage.

(Open your Bible and read Matthew 25:40) "The King will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'" (NIrV).

"How cool is that?! When we are kind to people who are overlooked, it's like we're being kind to Jesus himself. What an amazing bonus to kindness!

"Let's take a minute and talk to God about all this, because we're going to need His help with this big task."

PRAY

LEADER: "Dear God, thank You for sending us Jesus to be our Savior and to show us how to live our lives. We know from Jesus' words and actions that we need to be kind to people who are overlooked. Sometimes we're not sure how to help because problems like hunger and sickness and homelessness seem so big. But we know that YOU are bigger, and You have given us all we need to be kind to others. Help us this week to find ways we can be kind to people who are overlooked. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

CLOSER

LEADER: "Try this. Rewind your life. Have you ever been overlooked? You know, like one of the hungry or cold or lonely people that Jesus was talking about? Or maybe you've felt like everyone around you has someone to talk to except for you. In times like that, it always feels good when somebody steps out and makes a connection with you.

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"Someone sits next to you at the lunch table. Someone asks how you're feeling when you're having a bad day. Someone offers to lend a hand when you could really use one. If those kinds of things made you feel better, think of how your kindness can make others feel. It's like our memory verse for this month.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

Do to others as you want them to do to you, Luke 6:31 (NIrV).

"'Do to others' basically means be kind to others. Or, like we put it here in [your environment's name], ***[Basic Truth]*** **treat others the way I want to be treated.** But that type of kindness takes a little bit of work. You have to keep your eyes open. Sometimes you might have to go out of your way to find people who are desperately in need of help. And when you find them, you can make their day just by listening and helping to meet their needs. As you guys go through this week, I want you to remember this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

"Be kind to people who are overlooked. Say that with me."

LEADER AND KIDS: "Be kind to people who are overlooked."

LEADER: "You'll talk about even more ways you can do that with your Small Group, so I want everyone to stand up and rewind *(demonstrate walking backward while looking over your shoulder)* to Small Group. Have a great time together, and we'll see you next time!"

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

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TALK ABOUT GOD

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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* 1. YOUR NAME HERE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Your Name Here Fill-In Sheet V1 and V2" Activity Pages, pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into pairs.
- Make sure each pair has a writing utensil and two different Activity Pages.
- The first player in each pair asks their partner for the categories of words as indicated on their page and writes them in the appropriate spaces.
- The second player then does the same.
- Players switch and read their papers out loud.
- For younger kids, play this as a group, inviting the whole group to suggest choices for the fill-in spaces on both V1 and V2 while you write them in. When you're finished, read both sheets to the group.

WHAT YOU SAY:
"Some of these answers were kind of silly, but there's a good point to this. When we put our names in the places of people who are hungry or thirsty or cold or lonely, their situations seem a lot more real. The amazing thing we heard in our Bible story today is that Jesus put His name in the place of people in need. Jesus said that when we take care of others, it's like we're being kind to Him. That's kind of a big idea, but I really understood it myself when I ***[Make It Personal] (share a time when you showed kindness or served someone who was in need).*** We've all been hungry or lonely or any of those other things, so we know how it feels. But we also know how great it feels when someone decides to **be kind to people who are overlooked.** Whenever we can, let's try to put our names in their places and show kindness."

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APPLICATION ACTIVITY

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2. OVERLOOKED OVERSEER

WHAT YOU NEED: Masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the masking tape to make an X in the middle of your small group area.
- Arrange the group in a circle around the edge of your small group area, with everyone equidistant from the X.
- Select one child to be IT and to stand on the X.
- The other kids should slowly start to crawl towards the X, trying not to be seen by IT.
- If IT sees anyone moving, he can send that person to the edge again.
- If you or another leader sees someone moving who is NOT caught by IT, make a loud buzzing sound.
- After two buzzes by the SGL, IT can ask one kid to come help him watch the group.
- Continue play, with both kids able to send the others back to the edges, and the leaders "buzzing" if they catch kids moving.
- If there are two more buzzes, ask the two ITs to get more help by calling up two more kids.
- Eventually, there should be so many ITs that the other players keep getting caught moving.
- Allow this to happen, and then restart the game with a new IT.
- Play as long as time allows.
- For younger kids, play this as a typical movement game like "Red Light, Green Light."
  - IT stands on the X with his back toward the group yelling, "Green light," as they creep slowly toward him.
  - Then he turns around quickly and yells, "Red light."
  - All kids must stop moving immediately and remain frozen while he is watching.
  - Then he turns back around and calls, "Green light."
  - The first person to reach the X becomes the new IT.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This game was tricky. You had to work not to overlook anyone! You had to pay really close attention. That's an important part about learning how to **be kind to people who are overlooked.** When you noticed that you were overlooking

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people in the game, because I buzzed you, what did you do about it? *(Allow for answers.)* Yes, you got someone else to help you. The more people you had noticing others, the easier it was not to overlook anyone. That's one of the reasons we're talking about kindness here at [your environment's name] this month. We want to get more and more people noticing others, more and more people watching for those in need, and more and more people who have learned to **be kind to people who are overlooked.**

"How many people do you think it would take so that no one in our town was overlooked? *(Allow for answers.)* What would happen if everyone in our church took time to care for others and show kindness? What kind of BIG thing could we do together? *(Allow for answers. Suggest some ideas like filling up your local food pantry, making sure every kid has a winter coat, giving every family in the local children's hospital an Easter basket, visiting every lonely person in your local nursing home, etc.)* Those are some big ideas, and they'd take a lot of people to make them work. Who could you ask this week to help you **be kind to people who are overlooked?"**

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Kindness—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

BOTTOM LINE

Be kind to people who are overlooked.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

MADE TO EXPLORE

EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

3. DOUBLE SIDED KINDNESS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Double Sided Kindness" Activity Page, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up Luke 6:31 together and read it out loud.
- Gather the group in a circle and place the Activity Page in the middle, with the rebus pictures showing.
- Ask the person whose birthday is the soonest to guess what the first picture shows.
- If they get it right, write down the correct word above the picture.
- Then the kid who guessed can name the person to guess next.
- If they get it wrong, play passes to the person on their right.
- Play until the whole message is revealed, trying to make sure everyone has a chance to guess.
- After all pictures have been guessed and written out, the rebus should read: "I was hungry and you gave me a sandwich. I was thirsty and you gave me water. I needed clothes and you gave to me. I was sick and you took care of me."
- Then turn the page over to show kids the memory verse on the back.

WHAT YOU SAY:
"Our Bible story and our memory verse are both talking about the same thing: how to **be kind to people who are overlooked.** When we treat people with kindness—especially if they are neglected or in need of something—we are doing exactly what our verse says and treating others the way we want to be treated. It's also important to keep in mind when we think of sharing our stuff with others. If you were cold and needed clothes, what would you rather have: clean jeans with no holes in them, or a beat-up pair of stained sweatpants with the knees worn out? How about if you were hungry: Would you rather have ingredients to make a tasty and healthy meal or twelve cans of expired lima beans that no one else would eat? When we try to **be kind to people who are overlooked** by sharing what we have, let's remember that we should only give what we'd be happy to receive or, even better, like our Bible story says, what we'd be happy to give to Jesus himself."

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HEAR FROM GOD

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

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Optional Additional Discussion Questions for Older Kids

- Read Proverbs 22:9. What does this verse say is the result of being kind and sharing what you have? What kind of blessings do you think God gives to people who choose to **be kind to people who are overlooked?**
- Do you think kindness is mostly shown in actions or attitude? If you give to others but you only give stuff you're happy to get rid of or don't want anymore, is that really being kind to those who receive it?
- Can you think of a situation where someone gave someone else something they didn't want anymore and a situation where someone gave something that was new or of some kind of value? Describe how these situations turned out differently.
- Describe two situations: one where the giver had a positive attitude and one where the giver had a bad attitude. How did the attitude of the giver change the situation for the person receiving and the giver himself?

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PRAY TO GOD

PRAYER ACTIVITY

BIBLE STORY

All the Small Things
The Least of These
Matthew 25:35-40

MEMORY VERSE

"Do to others as you want them to do to you."
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REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the group to pray.
- Invite kids to each think of a word to describe someone who might be overlooked: hungry, thirsty, tired, scared, lost, sick, sad, lonely, cold. There can be more than one kid per word.
- Open your prayer by saying, "Dear God, today we know that there are many people in our world who might be overlooked. Please help us to remember people who are _____." Go around the circle, with each child contributing their word.
- Finish the prayer for the group.

WHAT YOU SAY:
"Dear God, thank You that You notice everyone no matter who they are or what they need. Please help us to do the same so that we can **be kind to people who are overlooked.** Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, help kids share the Bottom Line for the day with their families. If your church has community service projects, this would be a great time to invite your elementary families to join.

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