

Bible Point

JESUS IS KIND.

Key Verse

EPHESIANS 4:32A (NLT)

"Be kind to each other."

Bible Story

JESUS TOUCHES THE LEPER.

MATTHEW 8:1-3



Large crowds followed Jesus as He came down the mountainside. Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached Him and knelt before Him. "Lord," the man said, "if You are willing, You can heal me and make me clean."

Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," He said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

Discussion

Lepers were NEVER included in anything. There was no cure for leprosy in Bible times, so lepers were banished, sent to live with other lepers. They had to yell "Unclean! Unclean!" if anyone came near so they wouldn't get leprosy too. Can you imagine what it must have been like? Being left out of everything?

- Have you ever felt "not included"? How did it make you feel?
- When have you not included others? How do you think they felt?
- Everyone else thought the man with leprosy was disgusting and gross, but Jesus touched him. Why?
- What do you think Jesus thought when He saw the man with leprosy?

How can you follow Jesus' example and show kindness?

Challenges

Pages 3 -4 are activity pages to help reinforce the lesson and scripture - use these as you think about ways to show that you're following Jesus' example!

Think about all the ways and places you can be kind. When you are kind, it makes other people want to be kind too! Look at the list below, and think of at least one way you can show kindness for each item.



TEACHERS



ANIMALS



PARENTS



BROTHERS & SISTERS



CLASSMATES

Which ones will you plan on doing this week?

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Today I learned about the man with leprosy and how Jesus was kind and touched this man. Jesus was kind to someone whom no one else liked. I can be kind too. These are people I can be kind to this week:

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Being kind is a choice. When is it hard to choose to be kind?

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This is how I wish others would show kindness to me:

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- KINDNESS IDEAS:
- Make a get-well card for someone who is sick.
 - Help someone without being asked.
 - Write a note or make a picture for someone and hide it to surprise them.

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