1st Grade THURSDAY

jesus & me

choose kind

The Point: CHOOSE TO BE A FRIEND

Bible Story: Women at the well (John 4:1-44)

Memory Verse: You should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you. **Matthew 7:12**

Precept: Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can.

12:30 – 1:10 In classroom	Welcome and opening
1:15 – 2:00 In Sanctuary	Drama/Missions/Music $ Don't forget missions money $
2:05 – 2:30 In Various places	Rotation Check the schedule this will change every day
2:35– 2:55 In classroom	Bible Story Exploration
3:00-3:30 In Classroom	Classroom Wrap Up **Daily Precept** **Kindness Video**

Provided Materials

- Butcher paper
- VBC journals
- Printout of the Precept
- Saltines
- Water
- Water flavoring

You Supply

- Items for obstacle course such as hula hoop, tunnel, box to crawl through

Welcome ...

Welcome & Opening Game
Supplies Needed: Butcher paper

Greeting
Welcome and greet your kids as they enter the room for the first time. Use the acronym W.A.R.M. to guide your welcoming time. As leaders be "W.A.R.M." toward your kids.

W-Welcome and greet each child by name every day!
A-Actively Participate-Kids notice when the leaders are sitting on the edge. Join in and participate in all the experiences of camp even when you are not leading them.
R-Relationship Building-Kids will open up if they know you care for them. Ask questions, get to know them this week.
M-Model Jesus- For some kids, you may be the only person to show them how to follow Jesus.

Early Arrival Activity
As kids arrive, invite them to think of all of their friends. Have them write the names of their friends on the butcher paper. Don't forget to get those journals out too!

Gather everyone together.
Say: Welcome to Day 4 of VBC!! The week is going by so fast! I can't believe it is Thursday! So far this week we have learned so much about kindness. Before we start, let's refresh our memories on everyone's names.

Say name
Say something you like to do with a friend

Say: You guys sure know how to have fun with your friends!
"Jesus and Me: Choose Kind" has been our theme all week. Yesterday we learned that Jesus showed kindness to men who were sick and healed them.

Who remembers what was wrong with the men? *Skin disease/leprosy*
How many men were in the group? *10*
Who else can show kindness to sick or hurting people? *You, Me, We can!*
What is a way you think you could show kindness to someone alone or hurting? *Let them share all the ways they can think.*

In Bible times, people with Leprosy really had a hard life and people pretty much ignored them because they didn't want to get sick as well. But not Jesus! Jesus went right up to these people who were outcasts and after talking with them he healed them! I know we can't heal people but we can follow Jesus example of looking for those who are hurting or alone and caring for them. I hope everyone put their Eyes to See glasses in a safe place at home.

First, let's review our Camp Guidelines.

- **Participate**– take part in everything.
- **Pay Attention**- Listen to those giving instructions or teaching you. Camp will be more fun if you are paying attention.
- **Respect Others**- Everyone in this room is important to God and important to us, the teachers. We need to be respectful of everyone in this room. That means we include everyone in our activities; we say nice things; we let others go first; etc.
- **Have Fun!** This could be the best week of your summer, so let's have fun!
- **Choose Kindness -** Treat everyone the way you want to be treated!

Welcome …

Walk to chart paper wall.
Say: Look at all these names! You've practically filled the paper up completely! What a blessing to have friends and even more, to BE a friend. Let's spend a few minutes celebrating our newest friendships – the friends we're with right now!

Game – Friendship signatures
Stand with kids at the wall with the name cards they created in Day 1. Invite them to look at the names again and think about all the fun they've had becoming friends with everyone in the group.

Say: After today we have just one more day together at VBC. We're going to take some time to sign our names on the back of everyone's name card. This way you'll always remember your friends you've made at VBC.

Have kids take down their name cards from Day 1, choose a color to sign with, and sit in a circle or stand around a table.

Say: We will pass the cards one at a time to our left, just like we did on Day 1. Every time we pass the card you can turn it to the back and sign your name. I will sign too!

After the activity.
Say: Look at all the awesome names on your cards! I hope you'll always remember these friendships and all the ways we've learned to show kindness. And speaking of friendships, today's Bible story is all about showing kindness by being a friend.

Hang name cards back up as you leave . Have someone stay behind to set-up the obstacle course.

1:10-Depart for The Sanctuary

$ Don't forget missions money $

1:15-2:00-Drama in Sanctuary

Immediately following your time in the Sanctuary you will rotate to a station.

2:05-2:30 ROTATION

(See full schedule in binder)

Thursday rotation schedule for 1st Grade:
Blue, green, orange & purple go to Recreation
Red, teal and yellow go to Recess

Bible Story Exploration...

Quick Game to Start: Obstacle Course

Supplies: Hula hoop, bean bag and bucket toss, table, chairs or stools,etc.

Develop a very simple obstacle course in your space and quickly explain the route to the kids. Use physical objects as well as creative ways of moving (backwards, crabwalk, hopping, etc,) It should not take too long for one kid to complete. Explain that everyone will go through one at a time and the rest of the team will cheer on their friends (inside voices!) and give lots of high fives at the end.

After the game,
Say: Having friends and being part of a group or team that cheers us on is just the best! You guys definitely know how to be encouraging friends through to the very end!

Story Review
Supplies: Bible Story printout

Opening Prayer
Before each Bible story review, invite kids to sit comfortably. Invite a camper to open the time in prayer, then read the story printout (Adapted from Egermeier's Bible Story Book)

After reading, discuss the questions

What is strange about the time of day Jesus sees the woman at the well getting water? *Middle of day instead of morning*

What makes us think the woman did not have any friends? *She was alone at the well and other women would have come in the morning.*

Why would it be surprising for Jesus to talk with the woman at the well? *Samaritan, woman, made mistakes*

How do you think the woman felt when Jesus treated her like a friend? *Allow all the answers!*

Say: Sometimes Kindness is more than one simple act. As followers of Jesus we often need to show more kindness than what people might expect. The Bible tells us that Jesus hung out in Samaria with the women at the well and her neighbors for 2 more days. Jesus didn't just chat and leave; he did a bit more than 1 simple act of kindness. **Say:** I'd like to know what you think about these questions.

- Can you think of a time when someone was extra kind to you?
- How do you think the women at the well's life was changed after Jesus left?
- Can you think of people that might need a little more than just 1 small act of kindness? Who can you stand up for?

Pray together. You can pray, ask a camper to pray, or read the prayer below.
Thank you, Lord for this story. You show us that kindness for you is more than a quick act. For you, kindness is being a friend. As we see the kindness you showed to the Women help us to show kindness even if it might take more than 1 minute. Amen.

Day 3—Choose to be a friend
Story: Women At The Well from John 4:1-44
Story adapted from Egermeier's Bible Story Book

On their way to Galilee, Jesus and his disciples took the shorter road that led through Samaria. Not many Jews went this way because they greatly disliked the Samaritans. Although both the Jews and the Samaritans worshipped God, the Samaritans had built a temple in their own country instead of going to Jerusalem to worship.

In many ways Jesus was not like most other Jews. For one thing he did not feel hatred towards the Samaritans. He knew that God loved the people of every land.

When they had traveled as far as a little city of Sychar, Jesus was tired. He sat down to rest by a well Jacob had dug hundreds of years before. Here his disciples left him and went into the city to buy food.

Soon a woman from Sychar came to get water. She knew at a glance that the strange man sitting there was a Jew. Since Jews paid no attention to Samaritans, she passed by him and lowered her water jar into the deep well. When the water jar was full, she pulled it up again.

Just as the woman was ready to start back to the city, Jesus said, "Give me a drink."

The woman was so surprised at his request that she said, "Since you are a Jew, why do you ask a Samaritan woman for a drink? You know the Jews have nothing to do with the Samaritans.

Jesus replied, "If you knew who asks you for a drink you would ask him to give you living water."

The woman did not understand. She said, "Sir, this well is deep and you have nothing to draw the water up with. How could you give me living water? Are you greater than Jacob who gave us this well?"

Jesus answered, "Whoever drinks of this water becomes thirsty and returns again and again for more. Whoever drinks the water that I give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give springs up into everlasting life."

Now the woman was really interested. She did not know that the living water was Jesus' free gift of salvation to all people. So she said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't have to come here to get water anymore." And Jesus told the woman things about herself that she thought no one knew. He told her about the wrongs she had done.

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Bible Story

The woman wondered how the stranger could know all about her. Then she decided, “Sir, I believe you are a prophet.” Because she did not want to be reminded of her sins, she tried to start an argument about religion. She said, “We Samaritans worship here, but you Jews say people should go to Jerusalem to worship.”

Jesus did not argue. Instead he explained that God planned to bring salvation through the Jews. “God is not found in only one place,” he said, “for God is Spirit. Those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

The woman had never heard such wonderful words. She said, “I know the Messiah, the Christ, is coming from God. When he comes he will tell us everything.”

How surprised the woman was when she heard Jesus say, “I am he!” Before she could ask him more, the disciples returned with food. Leaving her water jar by the well, she ran to tell her friends about this wonderful stranger.

When the disciples saw Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman, they wished they could ask him, “What did she want? Why did you talk with her?” Instead they offered him food. “Master, eat,” they said.

Jesus refused. He said, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

And the disciples whispered to one another, “Did someone bring him food while we were away?”

Jesus knew their question so he said, “My food is do is to do the will of my Father who has sent me into the world.”

Back in the city, the woman ran through the streets telling the people about Jesus. “Come see a man who told me all the things I ever did,” she said. “Is not he the Christ?”

The people were so curious that they decided to see this man for themselves. They went back to Jacob’s well with her.

Jesus talked with the Samaritans about the things of God. They invited him to stay and teach them more, and Jesus agreed.

For two days Jesus taught the people of Sychar. Many believed. They said to the woman who first met Jesus at the well, “Now we believe. Not because of what you told us, but because we heard for ourselves, we know this man is the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

Classroom Wrap-Up

Activity – Thirsty
Supplies Needed: Saltines

Begin by trying to get your group thirsty by having them do many different exercises: 10 push ups, 10 jumping jacks, run place, then eat a saltine.

Ask:
- When are you really thirsty?
- Who is thirsty right now?

Say: This is probably how the women was feeling in our story today. She is coming to the well to get water. It is hot and right smack in the middle of the day. She is looking not only to get something to drink but also probably needs water to make the next meal or maybe even do some cleaning. It is here that she meets Jesus.

Say: As Jesus and the women talk Jesus offers the women living water. She is confused by this and thinks it must be some great new water. But what Jesus is talking about isn't being thirsty like we think and needing water. Jesus is talking about her thirstiness for love, kindness and friendship. Jesus is telling her he has the key to never being thirsty for kindness and friendship again, that his friendship and loving kindness will fill her up. His friendship and kindness will also fill us up. All we need to do is keep close to Jesus and follow him each day.

Say: Let's take a look at our precept for the day: **Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can.**
Ask: In our story today Jesus showed kindness by a well. Can you think of some different places you can show kindness? (examples may be soccer field, dance class, school, recess, playground, grocery store, part etc)

Say: There are so many places that you can show kindness! Every place you go will offer you the opportunity to practice kindness. Before we forget, does everyone remember our precepts from early this week?

I am fearfully and wonderfully made
Do all the good you can, by all the means you can.
all the good you can, in all the ways you can

You can pray, ask a camper to pray, or read the following prayer.
Dear Jesus,
Thank you for being kind not just for a little while minutes but for 2 days to the women at the well. Help us to look for those who might need more than kindness but may also need a friend. Please help us be people who constantly show kindness to those around us. In Jesus Name Amen.

Classroom Wrap-Up

Daily Kindness Video

Supplies Needed: Water, Cups, Water flavoring, kindness video

Say: Each day we will wrap up our time together with an example of people showing kindness in our world. As you watch these videos hopefully it will inspire you to show kindness like these cool people. Today's video from the kid president who talks to us about making new friends and showing kindness.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoHdwUEfBts

Say: In our Bible story today, Jesus befriended a woman that no one else thought was cool; she was an outsider, but Jesus took the time to talk with her and tell her all about God's love. I think Jesus would think the kid president's message is spot on! Look around, see who might need a friend it could be someone who is totally different than you.

Say: Some people feel all alone and have no friends. Kind of like the Women in our Bible story today. She went to get water during the hottest part of the day because she had no one to go with. Then Jesus shows up and talks to her. Jesus showed her kindness!! Jesus talked to her about living water. What is living water?? Hmmmm maybe we should try some samples of water
Allow kids to sample regular water first and then offer another cup of water with a few drops of flavoring in it.

Say: Did you all get a chance to sample the different water? (Take a vote and see which one the campers liked better) Adding some flavor makes the water much better right?? Maybe like super awesome water? But it still doesn't compare to living water that Jesus was talking about. Jesus was talking about the love of God. Which is for everyone. Jesus compared God's love to living water that never makes you thirsty again. Jesus was saying that God's love can fill you and keep you. Who can you give Jesus' living water to by being their friend?

Dismissal

Say: I hope you are inspired to make new friends in all the places you find yourself this summer, like at the pool, at camp, on the playground. Jesus wants us to be friends with everyone! I can't believe tomorrow is our last day of camp. Don't forget to come ready for our shaving cream party!!

- Send home Chick Fil A coupons
- Remind about shaving cream party! Clothes or swimsuits, towels, goggles!