PreK
Day #1

jesus & me
choose kind

Bible Story: Zacchaeus is Chosen
Luke 19:1-10

Main Point: You are special!

Precept: Be Kind!

Bible Words: Treat others how you want to be treated—Matthew 7:12

Zacchaeus is Chosen

Time	Activity
12:30-12:50	Welcome and Exploration Activities
12:50-1:15	Friendship Circle
1:15-1:50	Praise & Worship Time Tree house park room B129
1:50-2:10	Time at Playground
2:10-2:25	Bible Story Exploration
2:25-2:55	Rotation
2:55-3:30	Small group Exploration & Closing Activities

Lesson Activity Supplies

- Camera (optional)
- Welcome activity

- Bible
- Stuffed puppies/kittens

- Mirror
- Foam strips (collars)
- Foam letter stickers
- foam stickers
- CD Player & CD

- Cups
- Stickers
- Candy for cups
- Kindness cards
- Colored paper for cards
- Envelope
- Challenge card
- Closing Activity Bin



Welcome...the children and invite them to do the welcome bin activity. When they are done they can go to the exploration centers located throughout the room. (*See "Exploration Ideas" in your resource packet*)

***This would be a great time to take an individual picture of each child. You can use their photos on the door as a part of your door decoration.*

Friendship Circle 12:50—1:15

Put out the carpet circles and have the children join you on the floor for friendship circle.

SAY Hello friends, my name is _____, and I am so excited to spend the week together at Vacation Bible Camp learning about choosing Kindness just like Jesus did. Let's start our day by getting to know our VBC friends.
We are going to sing a song and when I call your name I want you to stand up.

(To the Tune of Ten Little Indians)

"I know a girl/boy whose name is _____
Stand up _____, Sit down _____
Because Jesus loves you!

SAY We are going to have so much fun this week getting to know our friends. Each day we are going to spend time together in this room, and we will also have a chance to travel to different places to hear the Bible story, play on the playground and to praise and worship God.

Talk About... What will a typical day in VBC will look like?
What are your classroom expectations?
Talk about the different jobs for the kids. (*line leader, snack person, prayer leader…)*

IDEA...*Have a responsibility card with each child's name on it. Announce the jobs one at a time and let the children know what their job will be today. This is something you could do every day.*

SAY This week we are on a special mission to spread kindness just like Jesus did.
If you are ready to spread kindness wave your hands in the air *(wave hands)*
I cannot wait to see what we learn this week!

End in Prayer *Ask if any of the children would like to say a prayer, if not lead them in this prayer and have them repeat each line after you.*

Show me Jesus how to spend this day
Sharing your love in every way
Help me be kind to everyone
To play and laugh and have lots of fun! Amen

IF TIME... Play a friendship game. Resources and ideas are included in your packet.

Praise & Worship Time 1:15—1:50

Friendship Circle...

Playground Time 1:50—2:10

Bible Story Exploration 2:10—2:25

Gather the children in a circle on the ground. You can set out the carpet circles and have each child sit on one.

Bible Story Exploration…

Supplies — Bible and stuffed puppies/kittens set up in the room.

SAY Welcome friends. This week at VBC we are on a mission to spread kindness. When you are kind you treat people how you want to be treated. What are some things you can do to show kindness to your family or a friend, even a stranger? (Discuss) Does anyone know what this book is called? *(Hold up Bible)* That's right it is called the Bible and it's full of amazing stories that teach us how to live. I am looking for a few amazing kids to help me spread kindness like Jesus did. Do you think you can help me out? (pause) Wave your hands in the air if you can help out? *(wave hands)* Awesome!

SAY Welcome to the Kindness Club! We will be working together to spread kindness to everyone we meet this week. Everyone get on your feet, let's get ready to spread some kindness.

DO *Say the following kindness chant and have the children repeat each line.*

God made you	*(point to someone)*
And God made me	*(point to self)*
He made us special	*(Put both hands next to face)*
As you can see.	*(point to eyes)*
We can show	
God's love each day	*(give yourself a hug)*
By being kind	(squat down low)
In every way!	(jump up with your arms in the air)

SAY Look at those puppies and kittens over there (point to pets you have set up somewhere in your room), they look sad. How could we show them kindness? *(Discuss)* I think that we should show kindness by adopting one of the pets to be our friend this week. If you think you can show kindness to these pets wave your hands in the air.

DO *One at a time ask each child to go and pick out one of the puppies/kittens to be their special pal and bring it back to the circle. Be sure to keep track of which pet belongs to each child. This will be their pet each day and they will take it home on Friday.*

SAY *Let's say our Kindness Chant one more time; this time with our pet pals.*

DO *Line up at the door and move to Bible story time located in the hallway between B131 and B132. The Pet Shop leader will be there to greet you and tell the children the Bible Story.*

Rotation—Mission Station
B252 in Foundry
2:25- 2:55

Small Group Exploration **2:55—3:10**

Small Group Exploration…

Creation Center — Pet Collar

Supplies — mirror, foam strips (for the pet collar), foam letter stickers and foam stickers.

SAY Each of you are very special. Let's pass this mirror around and I want you to look in the mirror as we say, "Jesus loves __name of child_"

DO *Pass the mirror around the circle and have each child look into the mirror and say together, "Jesus loves _____"*

SAY Each of you have a special name. I think each of our pet pals needs a special name. Let's make a collar to help our pet feel special too!

DO *Give each child a foam strip and put the foam stickers out on the table. First have them name their pet and help them find the letters to spell the name to put on the collar. Finish decorating with the other stickers. Help them put their collar on their pet.*

TALK ABOUT...*What makes your pet special? What are some kinds things that you can do with your pet? What is your pets name?*

Music Center — Pet Celebration

Supplies — CD Player & CD

SAY The puppies and kittens look so much happier. Let's celebrate with a dance party.

DO *turn on the music and let the children dance with their pets.*

Kindness Project

Kindness Challenge

Kindness Project — Kindness Cups



Supplies — cups, stickers, treats, kindness card

SAY Each day will do a special project to spread kindness. One way we can show kindness is by doing something nice for someone else. Today we are going to make kindness cups to give to people who work at the church. Let's spread some kindness!

DO *Give each child a cup and have them decorate it with stickers. When they are done decorating their cup take it to the filling station where a teacher will help them fill their cup with a few treats. Finish by having them pick out kindness card to put in their kindness cup. Leave in the classroom and we will deliver to the staff.*

TALK ABOUT...*What are some nice things you can do for your family? Friends? Neighbors? Teachers? Strangers?*

Kindness Challenge

Supplies — Piece of colored paper folded like a card , envelope and the challenge card

SAY Each day we will give you a kindness challenge to do at home with your family. Your challenge today is to make a card and give it someone. It could be a neighbor, a friend or you could even mail it to a family member who lives far away. If you are up for the kindness challenge wave your hands in the air!

DO *send the piece of paper along with the challenge card home with each child when they check out.*

Other Closing Activities

End your day on a positive note with one of the closing activities from your Closing Activity Bin.