PreK
Day #1

jesus & me
choose kind

Bible Story: Calling of Matthew
Matthew 9:9-13

Main Point: I will follow Jesus

Precept: Be Kind

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

Matthew Chooses to Follow Jesus

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—Recess Grassy area outside of Building A
2:55-3:30	Small group Exploration & Closing Activities

Lesson Activity Supplies

- Welcome activity
- Ball
- Bible
- Box of pets
- CD Player & CD
- Pretend money
- Pet leashes
- Obstacle course items
- Door hangers
- Kindness labels
- Stickers
- Crayons
- Sidewalk chalk in baggie with note
- Closing Activity Bin

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

Friendship Circle 12:50—1:15

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

SUPPLIES — Ball

SAY Hello friends, my name is _____, and I am so excited to spend the week together at Vacation Bible Camp spreading kindness. Let's start our day by welcoming our 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 God loves you!

ASK What was your favorite part about Vacation Bible Camp yesterday?
Does anyone remember what our Bible story was about yesterday?
What was our kindness challenge yesterday?
Who did you give your card to?

SAY Today we are going to learn more about spreading kindness
But, right now let's learn more about our friends.

DO *Roll the ball to a friend and then have them answer one of the following questions.*

- *Favorite thing about VBC*
- *Favorite color*
- *Favorite TV show*
- *Person you could help*

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.

Friendship Circle...

Praise & Worship Time 1:15—1:50

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.

Supplies — Bible and the box of pets

SAY Does anyone remember what this special book from God 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. Do you think you can help me spread some more kindness? (pause) Wave your hands in the air if you can help out! *(wave hands)* Awesome!

DO Put the box of pets in the middle of the circle. *One at a time say the following chant and let that child get their pet out of the box*

(name of child), (name of child) **will you be**
Kind to everyone you see?

SAY Welcome to the Kindness Club! We will be working together to spread kindness to everyone we meet this week. Everyone on your feet, let's get ready to spread 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 OK, everyone line up behind me. We are off to learn about kindness from a Bible story about Jesus!

DO *March out to the hallway with their pets. The Pet Shop owner (storyteller) will greet you and invite you into The Pet Shop for Bible Story Time.*

Bible Story Exploration…

Rotation—Recess
Outside Building A Circle Drive in the grassy area **2:25- 2:55**

Small Group Exploration **2:55—3:10**

Small Group Exploration…

Pretend Center — Earning Money



Supplies — CD Player, CD, pretend money & leashes set up in classroom.

SAY What was our Bible story about today? *(discuss)* That's right, Jesus asked some people to be his friends and help him spread kindness. And you know what? He wants us to help him spread kindness too! Today we are going to take time to teach our pets some tricks but first we need to earn some money to buy them a leash. So I am going to give each of you a job to do around the room and we will all work really hard for a couple of minutes. Can you help me?

DO *Give each child a helper job. For example; pick up the blocks, wipe the table off, push in the chairs, dust the book shelf, sweep the floor. Turn on some music and work for a couple of minutes on their jobs then gather the children and give them each a pretend bill. Then take them the pet store (a place in your room where you have the leases set out.) and have them pay for a leash for their pet. Help them tie the leash onto their pet collar.*

Movement Center — Pet Training

Supplies — set up an obstacle course with the cones and any other items you want to use

SAY Time to teach our pets just like Jesus taught his friends. Let's start by taking them on a walk.

DO *Have the children line up behind you with their pets. Play follow the leader through the obstacle course you have created in the room (and the hallway if you want).*

SAY Great job showing kindness to your pet pals by teaching them how to go through the obstacle course.

Kindness Project

Kindness Project — Doorhanger to give away

Supplies — door hangers, kindness labels, stickers and crayons

SAY It's time to spread some kindness! Another way we can show kindness is by being a friend to older people who might be lonely. So we are going to make some special signs to put on their doors at some nursing homes to let them know that Jesus loves them and we are thinking about them.

DO *Give each child a door hanger and a kindness label to put on their doorhanger. Put the crayons and stickers out on the table and let the children decorate them with the stickers and by coloring it. On the back write a special message like "Jesus Loves You" and have/help them write their first name and how old they are. Leave the doorhangers in the classrooms for us to pick up and deliver. When they are done you can say a prayer while the child holds onto their door hanger. Something like,*

"Dear God, Help the person who gets this door hanger feel your love. Amen"

TALK ABOUT...*Who are some older people that you know? How can you show them kindness? Who can you show kindness to?*

Kindness Challenge

Supplies — Sidewalk chalk in baggie with a note

SAY It's time for your kindness challenge. *(hold up baggie)* Does anyone know what this is? And what do you do with chalk? Today your challenge is to show kindness by writing a kind note of drawing a picture on someone else's driveway or sidewalk. If you are up for the kindness challenge wave your hands in the air! (wave hands)

DO *Send the chalk and the challenge card home with each child when they check out.*

Kindness Challenge

Other Closing Activities

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


Kindness
CHANGES
Everything