

Acts of Kindness

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson 10****Focus:**

Encourage each other with acts of kindness.

Lesson 10**Bible Basis:**

Philippians 2:19-25; 4:18; 2 Timothy 4:9, 13

Lesson 10**Memory Verse:**

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—1 John 3:18

Students will look at teens who are involved in a kindness club and consider how they, too, can encourage others with acts of kindness.

Materials:

- Index cards (1 per student)
- Pens/pencils (1 per student)

Hand out index cards and pens/pencils to your students. If your class is meeting online, invite your students to bring a pen/pencil and index card with them to class.

Today, we are writing notes of encouragement to each other!

If your class is meeting in person, tell students they will write an encouraging note for the person sitting directly to the left. If your class is meeting online, you can reference the attendance sheet and have students write a note to the person alphabetically before or after them on the list.

Give students encouragement as they write. If someone has chosen the name of a person they do not know, remind them that they can write that they are glad that person came to class today and can emphasize how much God loves them. After all students have finished, encourage them to deliver their notes. (If your class is meeting online, students can take a picture of the note and send it to the person. Or, they can hold the note in front of the camera so the other student can read it). Have all the students read their kind notes to themselves.

Discuss as a large group how receiving notes of kindness from their peers made them feel. Invite volunteers to share. If someone wants to talk about what was on their note, that's great, but don't force students to share if they aren't comfortable.

Going out of our way to acknowledge someone with kindness can turn a person's day around. Everyone wants to be treated kindly and doing so is a simple way to make a difference! Being kind should be more than just a random thing...it should be intentional! That's what today's lesson is all about.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Paul understood the value of acts of kindness. He realized how much he valued Timothy and how much Timothy was a help to others. Paul also relied on others to bring to him his cloak and his scrolls and parchments which were obviously important items for him. Paul was confident in Timothy's ability to help him and others. Paul also was thankful for the gifts that Epaphroditus sent to him and noted that they were also gifts that pleased God.

Some of the things Paul was thankful for may seem unimportant, but to him they were priceless acts of kindness.

Have a volunteer read 1 John 3:18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." **Although kind words are good, kind actions are even better.** Encourage students to put this verse into action this week.

Read the following quotes to your students and encourage them to think about their meaning:

- "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." (Mark Twain)
- "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." (Aesop)
- "Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." (Scott Adams)
- "Kind words and actions can seem so small, but their effects are truly endless." (Author Unknown)

Wednesday, February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Have students find a partner and talk about something tangible that they can do this week or on National Acts of Kindness Day. For example: helping a neighbor shovel snow, being a big brother or big sister to a child in need, or helping a teacher in her room after school, etc.

Hand out index cards and pens/pencils (and optional markers and/or colored pencils) to your students. If your class is meeting online, invite them to have those items ready. Have your students create a Random Acts of Kindness list where they can keep track of ideas for acts of kindness. Challenge students to do at least one item on their list in celebration of National Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Close in prayer asking for God to help students to see the needs around them and to act kindly.

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