



FEBRUARY 21 ♥ LESSON FOR ELEMENTARY

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Go the Extra Mile (*Matthew 5:41*)

BOTTOM LINE: Be kinder than you have to be.

VIRTUE: KINDNESS—Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient." Colossians 3:12

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BIBLE TIME Read the Bible story aloud or visit [kingsworldrocks.com](https://www.kingsworldrocks.com) to experience KW at Home.

PRAYER "Dear God, thank You for choosing to be kinder than You had to be by sending Your only Son, Jesus. This week when we are tempted to just get by and do a little, help us to remember how much You love us and to go the extra mile and do MORE to show kindness to the people around us. We love you, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

FAMILY ACTIVITY BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

Gather some blank pieces of paper or card stock. Explain to your child that one way to show people unexpected kindness and to show them they are valuable is to send a card to encourage them. Set out some of the paper or card stock, crayons or markers, and even stickers, if you have them. Encourage them to write something in the card, related to whom they choose to send the card to. Share stories with each other about when someone was kind to you and you didn't expect it.

WHAT YOU CAN SAY:

"There are so many ways to be kind. Every single day, we have SO many opportunities to show kindness to others. What about going the extra mile? Jesus challenges us not to just do the minimum amount of kindness but to **be kinder than you have to be** this week to the people around you. Kindness matters, so this week let's challenge each other to go the extra mile and **be kinder than [you] have to be.**"

[Make it Personal] *(Share your own example of when you received unexpected kindness.)*

TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

- Read Matthew 5:41. What did that verse mean to the people that were listening to Jesus at that time? *(They had to obey the law that said any Roman soldier could force a Jewish person to carry his pack for one mile.)*
- What does the phrase "go the extra mile" mean to you today? *(to do more or go above and beyond what is expected of you)* What does that say to the person you are showing kindness to? *(It lets them know that they matter and are valuable to you)*

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