

**SERIES:** AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE

**WEEK:** MAY 31 - KINDNESS

## OPEN IT UP

TALK WITH YOUR FAMILY OR GROUP ABOUT HOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING NICE AND BEING KIND. WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF TIMES WHEN YOU'VE MAYBE BEEN NICE (OR POLITE), BUT HAVEN'T BEEN KIND?

## TAKE IT FURTHER

### **PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY:**

- 1) WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE WHEN SOMEONE IS KIND TO YOU?
- 2) WHAT IS A WAY YOU CAN PRACTICE KINDNESS AND NOT JUST BE NICE, BUT ACTUALLY SHOW AN ACT OF KINDNESS TO SOMEONE ELSE?

### **STUDENTS:**

- 1) KINDNESS, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN NICENESS, IS AN ACTIVE EXPRESSION OF LOVE TOWARD OTHERS. WHO CAN YOU THINK OF THAT IS KIND TO YOU?
- 2) KINDNESS IS USEFULNESS AND IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT THAT IS EVIDENCED REGARDLESS OF SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHAVIOR TOWARD US. WHO CAN YOU CHOOSE KINDNESS TOWARD THIS WEEK?

### **GROUPS:**

- 1) WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO RECEIVE GOD'S KINDNESS? SHAME? GUILT? FEELING OF UNWORTHINESS?
- 2) DURING THIS SEASON, HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD CHASING YOU DOWN?
- 3) IF PSALM 23:6 IS TRUE AND GOD'S KINDNESS IS LITERALLY CHASING YOU, PURSUING YOU...HOW DO YOU WANT TO LIVE IN RESPONSE TO THAT?

## LOOK IT UP

**PROVERBS 21:21 | PSALM 141:5 | ROMANS 2:4 | TITUS 3:3-4**

## TRY IT OUT

### EVERYONE:

USING THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES AS A GUIDE, COME UP WITH WAYS AS A GROUP OR FAMILY THAT YOU CAN LIVE OUT ACTIVE KINDNESS IN THE LIFE OF OTHERS THIS WEEK:

- 1) KINDNESS ANTICIPATES THE NEEDS AND MEETS THEM BEFORE THEY'RE ASKED FOR.
- 2) KINDNESS BLESSES PEOPLE IN FUN, CREATIVE, AND UNEXPECTED WAYS.
- 3) KINDNESS RESPONDS TO DIFFICULT SITUATIONS IN A MANNER THAT'S LOVING AND HELPFUL.

WRITE DOWN YOUR KINDNESS PLAN FOR THIS WEEK AND HAVE FUN LIVING IT OUT TOGETHER!

## CLOSE IT OUT

### FAMILIES:

HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU THAT YOU WERE KIND TO US, AND NOT JUST NICE. YOU WERE KIND IN SENDING YOUR SON TO DIE FOR US AND RISE AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T DESERVE IT BECAUSE OF OUR SIN. I PRAY THAT (CHILD'S NAME) WOULD LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT KINDNESS AND THAT YOU WOULD HELP ME TO BE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO HIM/HER. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU AS WE STUDY THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. IN YOUR NAME...AMEN.

### GROUPS:

TALK ABOUT ROMANS 2:4 AND THE FACT THAT IT'S GOD'S KINDNESS TOWARD US THAT LEADS US TO REPENTENCE. IS THERE ANY AREA IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THE OVERWHELMING KINDNESS OF GOD AND REPENTENCE WAS YOUR RESPONSE? PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, RECOGNIZING GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS OUT LOUD.