A FEW MINUTES FOR YOU · THE KIND STRANGER

On the other side of the road

Everything you need to share The Kind Stranger at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.

Read Luke 10:25–37 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (Luke 10:25–37)

The expert wanted a boundary: just tell me who counts as my neighbor. Jesus answered with a story that erased the boundary.

The priest and Levite weren't villains; they were busy, maybe afraid, maybe following rules. It is easy to pass by on the other side when your hands are already full. Most mothers know the feeling.

The Samaritan's mercy was costly: his time, his supplies, his animal, his money, and a promise to come back. Love usually is.

You don't have to rescue everyone. But your kids are watching which needs you notice and which ones you walk past. One small, costly kindness, done together, will teach them this parable better than any lesson.

REFLECT

Who have you been passing by on the other side? What is one small, costly kindness your family could do together this week?

PRAY

Jesus, you crossed the road for me. Open my eyes to the people I pass by, and help me show my kids what mercy looks like. Amen.

Little Lantern

THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



The Kind Stranger

Luke 10:25–37

Be a kind neighbor to everyone.

"Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

ASK AT DINNER

Who is someone our family could show kindness to this week?

PRAY

Jesus, thank you for your mercy. Help us be kind neighbors to everyone. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

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CAR-RIDE CARD



On the way

The Kind Stranger · Luke 10:25–37

Listen: Play the Listen version of The Kind Stranger on the way.

ASK

1. Who walked past the hurt man?
2. Who stopped to help him?
3. Who can we be kind to this week?

"Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of The Kind Stranger (Little for ages 3–5; Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “Who did you see today who needed kindness?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “Go and do likewise.”
4. Pray: “Jesus, help me be a kind neighbor tomorrow, like the kind stranger. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

Kindness cookies

Bake or buy cookies together and deliver them to a neighbor with a note.

LIVING ROOM

Stuffed-animal hospital

Set up a hospital and care for ‘hurt’ stuffed animals with bandages, a bed, and a pretend inn.

OUTSIDE

Neighbor walk

Walk your street, wave at neighbors and pray for each house as you pass.

IN THE CAR

Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “Who stopped to help?” and “Who can we help?”

SIBLINGS

Two ages at once

The older child plays the Samaritan and ‘bandages’ the little one, then they switch.

THE KIND STRANGER · STICKER CHART

My kind-neighbor week

Each day, stop and help someone, like the kind stranger. Add a sticker or color a heart!

Monday	Idea: Help someone who dropped something	
Tuesday	Idea: Include a kid who is alone	
Wednesday	Idea: Make a card for a neighbor	
Thursday	Idea: Help a grown-up carry something	
Friday	Idea: Share my snack	
Saturday	Idea: Pray for someone who is hurting	
Sunday	Idea: Be kind to someone who wasn't kind to me	

"Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:37

THE KIND STRANGER · MINI-BOOK

Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

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The Kind Stranger

This book belongs to _____

One day, Jesus was walking along a dusty road with a crowd of people.

A man was walking down the long rocky road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Soon, a priest came walking down the road.

At last, a man from Samaria came riding by on his donkey.

“Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:37

Be a kind neighbor to everyone.

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Jesus looked at the teacher.

He lifted the man onto his own donkey and walked beside him all the way to an inn.

Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

BE A KIND

NEIGHBOR TO

EVERYONE.



Be a kind neighbor to everyone.

Two coins for the innkeeper



The kind stranger gave the innkeeper two coins to care for the hurt man. Roll two flat coins and put one on each circle.

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