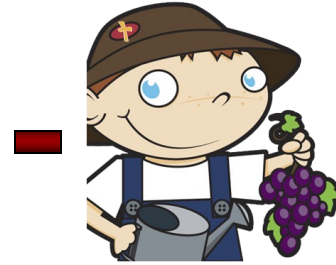


**Fruit of the Spirit 3**  
**Be Care-FULL**  
**Text: Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan)**



**Kick Start (Pivots)**

**Presentation**

Show each slide and go over each one to introduce the Pivot Points of the lesson. The Pivots will be called out at different points of the lesson.



Kindness – going out of your way to care and help others



Go out of your way to show kindness



**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. John 15:16a**

**Note: we use this verse for 2 weeks. Emphasize the bold text this week.**

**Preparation:** divide up the materials in separate areas of room leaving some space between the piles of materials. Have kids work in teams

**Presentation**

Use this activity as kids check in and for any early arrivals before the actual lesson begins. This is a simple game or activity that simply gets kids involved and focused. It is not based on Bible knowledge so all can participate easily and with confidence! Sometimes it is loosely tied to a concept of the lesson but again, the primary purpose is to involve the kids early on.



**Presentation**

We are going to build roads together. We will work in teams of two or more as kids come in. Each team will start building a road.

**Play**

Let kids design and build a road for a few minutes. Then tell the kids they must all build the road so they all connect together to form one big road!

Option: Provide some small figurines or Hot Wheel cars to see if their road is connected and safe!

Congratulate the class for the road they built!

**Lesson 1**

**Pivot Supplies**

PP slide 2-4

**Pivot Icebreaker Supplies**

Blocks, dominoes, index cards (cut in half) even coins (anything that could be used to build a road or path), PP slide 5 (Papaya)



## Kick It Around

**Preparation:** none

### Presentation

(Introduce the concept of a straight path or shortest distance vs. going out of your way)

**Note:** The presentation is based on the Power Point slides, if you use your own maps, modify accordingly

(Slide 6) Who can tell me what this is? (Allow responses) Yes, it's a map of some city streets. You use maps to figure out how to get somewhere. Usually we look for the quickest, shortest route or path right?

(Slide 7) Let's say we live at the red star and we need to go visit our friend who lives at the blue star.

Look at the map. What road would you take to get there the fastest do

you think? (Allow kids to think and respond) Yes! We would take this road, St. John Street (point to road and run pointer or finger along the path from the red star to the blue star).

Now look at the map again (point to City Rd and run finger along route as you talk) Why didn't you take City Road over to Lever Street to Compton Street, to Percival Street and then to St. John's again?

(Allow responses) Yes - that would get us there but it would be out of our way, right? It isn't the fastest or shortest way to get there!

Do we always want to go the quickest, shortest way somewhere? (Allow responses) Why or why not? Can you think of a reason to go a different way than the shortest? (Allow responses)

Usually we do want to take the shortest, fastest path to get somewhere but not always. In our Lesson Launch we are going to learn about someone who didn't... for a very good reason!

**Pivot Trait:** Kindness – going out of your way to care and help others

**Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

## Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan)

### Preparation

Cut Papaya in half and place on a plate

Choose 7 volunteers to help you act out the story

### Presentation

Say, "We are going to talk about the Fruit of the Spirit, kindness."

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(Hold up Papaya) Our fruit to represent kindness today is called a papaya (Slide 8) Have any of you had a papaya? (Allow responses) Often you might have it in a fruit drink or a smoothie mixed with other fruit.

The papaya can be used as a natural meat tenderizer to make tough cuts

### Rampin' Up Supplies:

PP slides 6-7, Optional: bring in maps of your city, an amusement park, etc., optional presentation pointer



### Lesson Launch Supplies:

PP slides 8-14, Bible, papaya, plate, curved and straight toy tracks (like Brio train track or Hot Wheel's track)



of meat more tender. It breaks down the meat tissue and makes it soft and tender to eat. Papaya contains an enzyme that breaks down all types of meat within seconds. You could say being kind is also being tender toward others.

**Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

Jesus told a story to His disciples to teach them about kindness. I am going to use some of you to help me tell this story. I need one volunteer (choose a child – you can use a girl even though the story has men in it - just explain to kids)

A lawyer tried to trick Jesus and asked him a question. He asked Jesus what he had to do to get to heaven and have eternal life.

Jesus answered – What does the law say? Now the Bible wasn't written yet so the Jewish law was their Bible at that time. This is what the Jewish people lived their life by.

The lawyer answered, "You should love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and **your neighbor** as yourself".

Jesus told the man he was correct!

But the lawyer, thinking he could ask Jesus a question that could not be answered, asked, "But who is my neighbor?"

(Slide 9) Who do you think your neighbor is? (Allow responses) Hmmm, those are good answers. Yes, the person who lives next to your house is certainly your neighbor but let's see if that is all.

Jesus answered the man by telling a story.

One day, a Jewish man was traveling down a road called the Jericho - Jerusalem Road (Have the volunteer walk in place). This was a very dangerous trip. This is a 17 mile trip on foot that runs through hilly, rocky, desert country. There were lots of places for robbers and thieves to hide!

Suddenly (pick three volunteers) three thieves jumped out from behind a rock! They began to attack the traveler (have them lightly – FAKE like they are beating him up), took his money and clothes and left him bleeding by the side of the road. (Thieves laugh and pat each other on the back and leave).

(Slide 10) The man lay moaning and crying for help (have man cry out in pain).

A few minutes later a priest was walking down the same path (have volunteer come up and act it out as you speak). He noticed the man lying on the side of the road. Ohh, whew! Just in time! A priest would show him kindness right? (Have kids yell, YEAH! And give thumbs up sign)

I mean what is kindness? **Pivot Trait:** Kindness – going out of your way to care and help others  
I mean, this man needed help and care big time, right?

Do you know what he did? He didn't show kindness! He crossed the road and walked on the other side. He acted like he didn't see the man. (Act it out) WHAT?

What is our Pivot Point? **Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

Well this priest went out of his way NOT to show kindness! That's wrong! (Have class yell boo loudly and give thumbs own sign).

About an hour or so later another man called a Levite was walking down the road. (Call up volunteer to act this out as you speak) Levites were Jewish leaders that worked in the temple and helped priests with their work.

Oh good, this man will definitely show kindness! Let's hear it for the Levite! (Have kids yell, YEAH! And give thumbs up sign). Guess what he did? He slowed down and walked a little closer to the man (act it out) but then oh no... he kept walking and ignored him! (Have kids boo loudly and give thumbs down sign!)



Think of that. The man was bleeding, had most of his clothes ripped off him, and he was bruised and beat up. No one wanted to take the time to show kindness! **Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

Just a few minutes later another man walked by (act it out). He was a Samaritan. Now Samaritans and Jews did not like each other one bit! They wouldn't even talk to each other. The man who was dying on the road was a Jew. Now if the Jews wouldn't help another Jew, the Samaritan wouldn't, right? (Slide 11) Now as soon as he saw the man he went over to him (act it out) and felt badly for him. He put bandages on his wounds. He poured oil and wine (act out) on the sores to prevent infection.

(Slide 12) Then he lifted the man on his own donkey (Act it out) and took him to a hotel to take care of him. (Have kids yell, YEAH! And give thumbs up sign).

Wow! Now that is showing kindness! **Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness (Slide 13) Now get this...the next day the Samaritan even gave enough money to the hotel owner to pay for the man to stay until he was well. He asked the hotel owner to take care of the man and promised to come back and pay for any extra cost of taking care of the man. (Have kids yell, YEAH! And give thumbs up sign).

After Jesus finished the story he asked, "Which of the three men do you think was a neighbor to the man who was left beaten on the side of the road?" The lawyer replied, "The one who had compassion and helped him." Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

### What About Me?

Now, who is our neighbor? (Allow responses) Not just the person who lives beside us but anyone we are near. Jesus said to show all people kindness.

**Pivot Trait:** Kindness – going out of your way to care and help others

**Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

(Slide 14) Take out track and put some straight track together) It's good to make the best use of your time and go the straightest, shortest way you can... BUT sometimes we may come across a situation on our day like the Samaritan man that went off the straight road and showed kindness to someone no one else wanted to bother with. He probably saved his life!

(Take some curves and add it to the straight track). But, you know what- it was the right thing to do and God was very much pleased. And, chances are you are going to get back to where you were going in the beginning. (Add the correct sections to make your track point the same direction it was going originally). And, if not, maybe showing kindness was more important than where you were headed!

When we have God's love and His Fruit of Kindness in us, we will respond to people's needs and situations with kindness even when it takes some extra effort, energy or even some of our play time! Even when it is someone we don't know or even like! Jesus always responded to people's needs with kindness. God took the time to show kindness to us even when we were sinners! He sent His son Jesus to forgive our sins instead of punishing us!

**Pivot Trait:** Kindness – going out of your way to care and help others

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## Kick It In

**Preparation:** none

### Presentation

Show the slides (or PDFS) and review the lesson and Pivots to this point

### Air Time Supplies:

PP slides 15 - 24



1. We need to go out of \_\_\_\_\_ to show kindness (our way)
2. How many men ignored the beaten man? (Two)
3. Why was it such a surprise for the Samaritan to help? (The beaten man was a Jew and Samaritans and Jews don't get along)
4. How did the Samaritan get the beaten man to a hotel? (He put him on his donkey)
5. What else did the Samaritan do to show kindness to the Jew? (Put oil and wine on his wounds, paid for his room and care)



**Pivot Verse Game Note** – try this game or one of the Pivot Verse games listed on the components page if you prefer. Mix and match games each week or if you find a class favorite, stick with it! **Note: Do not discard supplies or pull up the course. This game is repeated next week for the second part of the verse!**



### Pivot Verse Game Supplies:

PP slide 4, measuring tape or yardstick, masking tape, plastic spatula, large paper or plastic disposable cups, scissors, 3x5 index cards, marker, table

**Pivot Verse:** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. John 15:16a

*Note: We spend 2 weeks on the Pivot Verse – we recommend emphasizing the bold part each week. Add it to the previous weeks and build each week until the whole verse is memorized.*

### Preparation

Cut index cards in half (to make two 2.5 x 3" cards)

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you** – write each of the twelve words on an index card.

Tape a card to each cup

Show PP slide and repeat it several times with the class. (Leave the slide displayed during the game)

Place the cups inside each other in random order and hold them

Make one masking tape start line at one end of the room. Place a table about 20' from the line

Line up kids behind the start line

### Play

Explain what it means to appoint. Appoint means simple to select and place in a position. It's like if you are playing baseball and there are two team captains who choose sides. A captain selects you and places you in a position to play like outfield, catcher or 1<sup>st</sup> base. He selected you and appointed you!

You didn't just say, hey I am on this team and I am playing this position. Jesus said you didn't chose me ... I chose you! I appointed you – I put you in a position to bear fruit! That's your job! Pretty cool, huh, to



be selected and appointed by Jesus!

We are each going to “bear” not fruit but a cup to the other end and place it in position. Seems easy, right? No big deal. Well, you have to carry it to the other end using this spatula! (Hold spatula up).

Now - because of this spatula- we CANNOT run. Walk quickly but no running!

Hand the first player a cup (don't hand them in proper verse order) and spatula

The player puts the cup on the spatula and balances it while he WALKS to the table at the other end

The player then removes the cup and places the cup on the table with the word visible toward the kids.

The class says that word aloud together.

The player then WALKS back to the line. Repeat with the second player.

As more cups are placed on the table, kids must begin to place them in order- leave spaces between cups, etc. As each cup is placed, the class says the words in order from left to right – this will be kind of comical and nonsensical at first, which is fun!

(Note: kids can look at slide to see where their word falls in order and leave a gap between words for the remainder of the cups)

Repeat until all the cups are placed in the proper order. Repeat the entire verse - do it again!

Note: If a cup falls off, the player picks it up, place it back on the spatula and continue from that spot.

### Options

For larger groups – divide into two groups. Teams can play competitively for the best time.

Large group - time it (again, no running with spatula) to arrange cups in order to beat previous time

Display the Pivot Verse on the Power Point slide throughout the game for the first run. Play the game WITHOUT the slide on the second run.



### Preparation

Place a masking tape throw line on floor

Wad up paper into balls

Place one container approx. 6' from the line. (See drawing)

Space other containers further out from the line making it more difficult to throw into these containers (see drawing next page – experiment with placement and distances per age/skill level of your kids and to make it more challenging. Spacing is just a suggestion.)

Place paper balls behind line

Divide class into two teams

### Presentation

From our Lesson Launch and from our **Pivot Point**: Go out of your way to show kindness, being kind takes some effort; it isn't the quickest and easiest thing to do BUT there are rewards and blessings for doing it!

### Activity Grades 1 – 5

#### Supplies:

5 sheets of one color paper,  
5 sheets of a different color paper (scrap paper is good to recycle), 4 small boxes or containers like trash cans  
Note: containers can all be different types and sizes, masking tape, measuring device

(Note: If you prefer- use plastic golf balls instead)

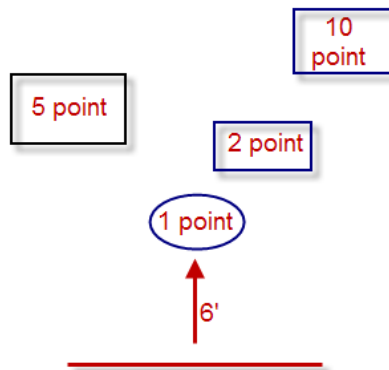
We are going to play a game that rewards you for – well, going out of your way to do it!

Each player gets 5 tosses per turn. The idea is to get points by sinking the paper wad into the container.

The closest container you only get one point. The further distance that you go “out of your way” to make- the more points you get. (State point totals per the image)



We will play until everyone gets a turn adding up the kindness points for your team as we go and then we will do it again!



### Play

- This is not a race! Each team has a player for their team throwing at the same time (in other words one player for each team throws simultaneously)
  - Team 1 and 2 first player gets 5 wads of one color and tosses the wads one at a time toward the containers. It is up to each player to take the easy throw or to “go out of the way” for big kindness points!
  - Paper balls are gathered up by the person that threw them at the end of each turn and returned to the next player on that team. (Note: Both players must complete throws before a player gathers up balls so they don’t get in the way)
- The team with the most kindness points wins

### Options

Play as a large group non-competitively. Keep score and try to beat the previous high score.



## Kick It Home Final Spin

### Large Group

Go over the Pivots one more time

**Preparation:** Place candy in dispenser

### Final Spin Supplies:

Power Point slides 2-4, 25, clips (see image), rope (vine) with all of the fruit images from previous lessons, Pez dispenser filled with candy, papaya image

Note: Save the rope and clips. You will use them each week



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**Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

You know, it isn't easy to be kind all the time especially when we are in a hurry or like in our Lesson Launch, the person that needs help is new in school, we don't know them or well, the person isn't the most likeable person. Maybe they are the one kid that other kids make fun of or bully for some reason. It is tough to step out and show kindness isn't it?

Let's say you see someone that needs a little kindness, some help. Maybe they are lost in the hallway or they've dropped some books on the floor or they don't know where to sit at lunch because they don't know anyone. (Hold up Pez Dispenser. Act like you can't quite get the top to flip up). You just don't want to put forth the effort or you're too tired to help really.

But, the Fruit of Kindness that God's Spirit produces in us helps us to show kindness. You see Jesus time and time again helped people that others didn't have time to help, like Zacchaeus, who was a hated tax collector or the woman at the well no one wanted to talk to or be near.

(Open the dispenser) God's love in us helps us to be kind and help those that no one cares to help.

We are like the Pez dispenser. God fills us with His love and kindness and we bear or dispense it to others! It is up to us to stay attached to the vine (point to the rope vine with fruit on it - place the papaya image on the vine) and keep a fresh supply of kindness inside of us

**Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness





(Slide 25) Have you ever seen this sign? (Allow responses) It is a detour; a detour means that you are taken off a road for awhile to avoid a road that is being repaired or maybe an event like a parade. The detour eventually brings you back to the same road but takes you around and past the parade or repair first.

Showing kindness is like taking a detour to go out of our way. It's not always easy and it will cost us some time but the Fruit of Kindness makes it happen!



**Important Point!** Remember this always - The Pez dispenser does not make the candy does it? (Allow responses) No, it only bears or dispenses the candy that it was filled with!

**Pivot Point:** Go out of your way to show kindness

