

## **LESSON 11: FRIENDLINESS**

**Bible Story section:** Elisa 2 Kings 4:1-17

### **Our Message for today:**

Here we have 3 intertwining stories of kindness and compassion. First Elisha meets the wife of one of the sons of the prophets with the news her husband had died and a creditor had threatened to take her two sons as slaves. Elisha's compassion and kindness are demonstrated in his prompt response: What can I do for you? The provision of the oil to meet the needs of the family came from God, not Elisha. He was only God's instrument of kindness.

Then one day on his way through the village of Shunem, Elisha encountered a wealthy woman who insisted he allow her to provide a meal for him. He did, and from then on, whenever he passed through Shunem, Elisha ate with this family. The woman had acted out of kindness. She suggested to her husband that they provide a small room for him in which to rest on his journeys. Elisha's needs were provided for by the kindness of this woman and her family.

And lastly on one of his visits, Elisha asked his servant to call the Shunammite woman and ask her what they might do for her in return for her great kindness to them. Her reaction shows she had not shown kindness in the hope of receiving favour for it. She was happy with her life, and her kindness was given freely, without expectations for gain.

Showing undeserved kindness imitates God's character. Luke 6:35 "Love your enemies. Do good to them. Your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as a child of God. Kindness is our response to God's love. As ons vriendelikheid van iemand ontvang het, moet ons so teenoor ander ook optree. Ons kan nie vriendelikheid en genade verwag, as ons nie aan ander ook nie vriendelikheid en genade bewys nie. Kindness should be an everyday occurrence. God expects kindness to be the normal pattern of behavior for us. Do you want to be God's helpers? God made every person, and He loves them all in a special way. Since He lives inside of you, He needs YOU to go out and share His love with them all. How else will they know that He loves them? When someone has been friendly towards us, we must also be friendly towards other people. We cannot expect friendliness and mercy if we are not friendly and merciful towards others.

### **Our text for the day:**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Eph. 4:32.*

### **Additional background text:**

2 Timothy 2:24 A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people.

2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

Col 3:12-13 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Thank you that you are so merciful towards us, Help us to be merciful and friendly to the people around us. Share God's love by being kind to everyone you meet! Kindness shows people God's love hidden in your heart.  
Amen

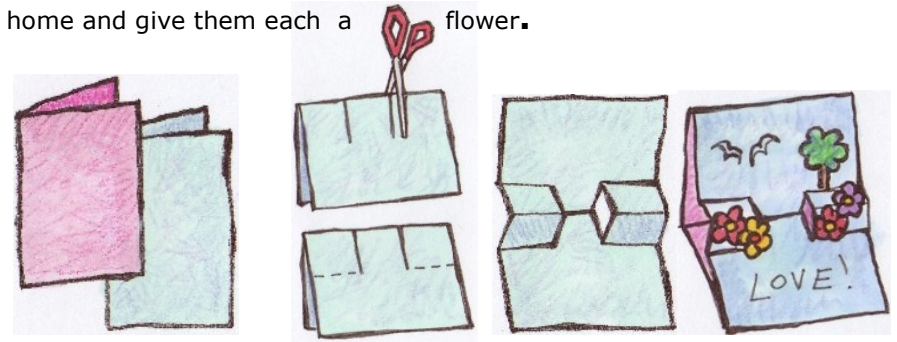
### **Activity:**

Items needed: Your workbook, scissors, glue, 2 pieces of coloured paper, old magazines, glitter.

Question for discussion: Can an ordinary person portray kindness like Elisha did to the woman? What are the things that we have to do in order to be God's Servant Helpers? Can you come up with even more ways that we can show God's love through kindness?

Ways to show God's love through Kindness, is when you don't agree with someone, do not quarrel or argue. Instead, talk about the problem calmly like friends. This makes God happy. If someone is being mean to you, show them God's love by smiling and using kind words. Share the things God has blessed you with with others. Let you brother and sister play with your toys. Give your old clothes and toys away to someone else who needs them. If you see someone who needs help, try to help them the best you can.

Resources: Write the verse in your book and memorise it for next week. We are also going to be God's helpers this week. Make a card for somebody in an old age home and give them each a flower.



Fold 2 A4 coloured papers in half. One piece will be the outside of the card and one piece will be the inside. (1) On the piece that will be the inside, cut two short lines near the middle of the fold. Fold the two outside flaps that you just made (but do not fold the middle flap). (2b) Unfold the flaps. Open the card. Push the two flaps towards the inside of the card - they will form 2 step-like protuberances. (3) Cut some small flowers, animals etc. from construction paper, or use pictures from a magazine. Decorate them with crayons if you like. Glue the flowers to the flaps. Make sure that the flowers do not stick out of the card when the card is closed. Glue the card to the other piece of folded construction paper. To make sure that you do not glue the flaps down, apply the glue only to the inside of the card and then carefully place it on the outer card. Write a message on your lovely flower garden pop-up card.

## **LESSON 12: GOODNESS**

**Bible Story section:** Mary anoints (washes) Jesus' feet with oil. John 12.

### **Our Message for today:**

There will always be people who criticise our good works, but if we do it in all sincerity, we will be blessed. Never let an opportunity go by to do some good.

### **Our text for the day:**

*Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Ps 23:6.*

### **Additional background text:**

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Psa 33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Psa 107:8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Isa 63:7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Please help me not to go through life with my eyes shut,  
but to see where I can do something good for someone.  
Amen.



### **Activity:**

**Items needed:** Your workbook, scissors, glue, empty spice bottle, blank white paper, poster paint, beads, glitter, lint, small stones or pebbles.

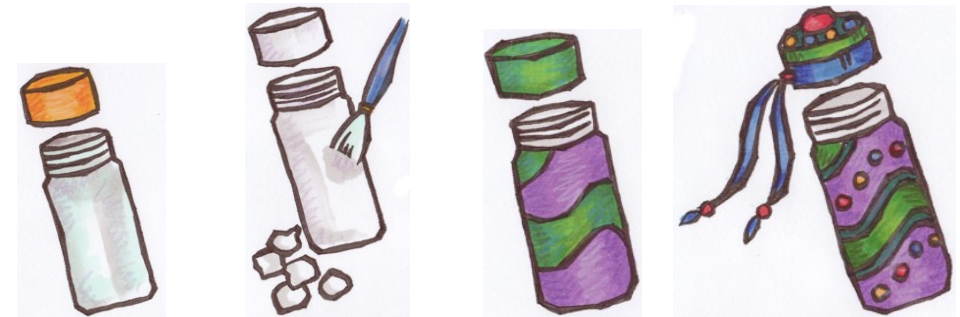
**Resources:** It is time to place the following fruit in the tree! Cut out the bunch of grapes along the lines, colour it in, and paste on to the tree. Also write the text in the book, and memorise it for next week.



**Homework:** Go home and do something good for someone (pick a flower for Mom and say thank you for everything she does for you, or create a card for someone, etc). Then write down what you did in your Sunday School book, and how it felt to do something good for someone.

**Task:** This week we are going to make a Precious Oil Flask.

Take an old, empty spice bottle, or something similar. Screw off the lid. We are now going to cover the lid and the bottle with cold glue, so that we can paste paper all over them (like paper maché). Do not cover the screw section of the bottle with glue or paper, because then you will not be able to replace the lid! Tear some paper into small pieces and cover the bottle and lid with it. Try to keep the pieces smooth.



Leave the bottle and lid to dry. As soon as they are dry, draw patterns on them with a pencil, and then paint them in bright colours. As soon as the paint is dry, decorate the lid and bottle with beads, glitter, lint, or anything else that is pretty. Replace the lid and look! You have your precious Flask!

Every week drop all your extra cents in the bottle. As soon as it is full, take out the money, and do something good with it.

### LESSON 13: GOODNESS

**Bible Story section:** The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:30.

**Our Message for today:** Do not neglect doing good. We must act in the way Jesus would have acted, not only towards our friends and the people that we know. If it is within your power to do good, do not refrain from doing so. Do not think that you are better than someone else, or think: Let someone else help him.

**Our text for the day:**

*Let us do good to all people. Gal 6:10.*

**Additional background texts:**

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Prov. 3:27-28.

But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do will be spontaneous and not forced. Phil. 1:14

Moenie 'n weldaad weerhou van iemand aan wie dit toekom, terwyl dit in jou mag is om dit te bewys nie. SPREUKE 3:27-28

Maar sonder jou goedkeuring wou ek niks doen nie, sodat jou goedheid nie uit dwang sou wees nie, maar uit vrye keuse. Fil 1:14

Psa 68:10 U skare het daarin gewoon; U het dit in u goedheid berei vir die ellendige, o God!

Psa 107:9 want Hy het die dorstige siel versadig en die hongerige siel met die goeie vervul.

Psa 23: Net goedheid en guns sal my volg al die dae van my lewe; en ek sal in die huis van die HERE bly in lengte van dae.

**Prayer:**

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Help me to do good to everyone, without expecting something in return.  
Amen.



**Activity:**

Items needed: Your exercise book, glue, scissors, paper.

Task: Write the verse in your book and memorise it for next week.

We are going to make finger puppets, so that we can remember the story, and repeat it to our parents and friends without forgetting it!

Colour in the finger puppets. Then cut them out, look where the markers are where they have to be folded over and hooked around your finger. Begin with the man who was attacked. Then put the men in the sequence of the story on your index finger, middle finger and ring finger, as they came across the injured man. Easy, isn't it!



(Fold over palm of hand, and glue 2 green flaps together)