

**DAY 4**

**ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN YOUR HEAD. WHO IN YOUR LIFE:**

- 1) Are you most like?
- 2) Do you struggle being kind to?
- 3) Do you find it easiest to love?
- 4) Are you most different from?

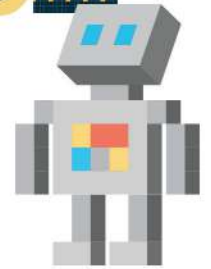
Are your answers for one and three the same? And you probably got the same answer for two and four too, didn't you?

It's natural to find it easier to be kind to the people that we relate to the most, the people who we "get," and who understand us. But Jesus taught us that true kindness means being kind to everyone. Think of the Good Samaritan. He was considered an outcast, but he was kind to someone who was very different from him.

Today, find a way to reach out and be kind to the person (or people) you thought of for questions two and four. They don't even have to know it was you—it could be a secret act of kindness—but do something kind to remind yourself how life is better when you're kind to everyone.



**WHAT GOD IS DOING IN YOU TO CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU**



**DAY 1**

**READ LUKE 10:25-37.** After you read Luke 10:25-37, go back and underline all the questions. (Hint: there are five.)

The religious teacher thought he was going to trip up Jesus with his first question. **"What must I do to receive eternal life?"**

But Jesus knew the man didn't really want the Truth. He wanted to know the least he could to get by. So Jesus answered the religious leader with a question of His own. And so it continued until one question lingered . . . if the man was supposed to love his neighbor as himself . . . who was his neighbor?

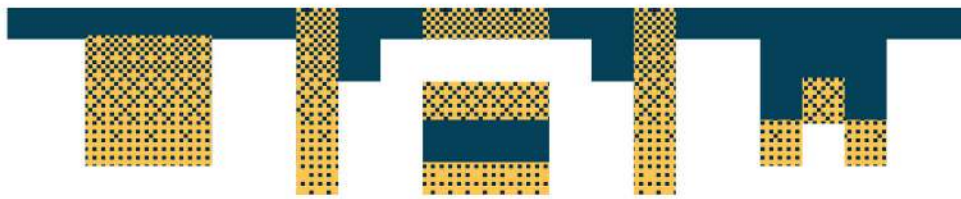
**THE ANSWER WASN'T WHAT ANYONE EXPECTED.**

The two men that passed the injured man by were religious leaders. They not only followed the letter of the law, they led others to do the same. But when there was someone in need—they were not kind.

But the Samaritan, someone considered an outcast, or an "other"—even an enemy of the Jews—he was kind to this Jewish man lying injured on the side of the road. He was the real neighbor.

The story Jesus told demonstrated to everyone that it didn't matter how many rules you followed, or what religious rituals you held . . . that following Jesus means loving God and loving others. ALL of the others.





## DAY 2

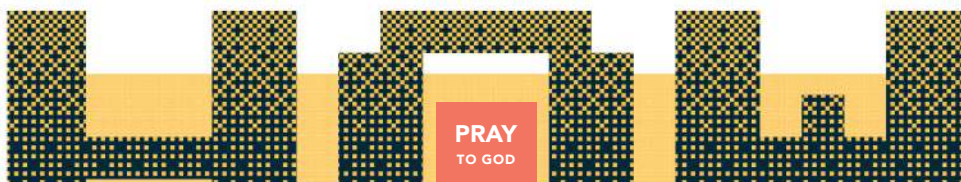
### IT'S EASY BEING KIND TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKE YOU AND ARE KIND TO YOU.

But being kind to people who speak differently, behave differently, or think differently from you? Or maybe are even unkind to you? Not so easy.

**Ephesians 4:32** reminds us why being kind to everyone is possible: *“Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.”*

We aren't kind to others for what we can get out of it. We aren't kind to others because they are kind to us. We aren't kind to others because they are like us. We are kind to everyone because God showed kindness to everyone when He sent Jesus to die for our sins.

The good news is, God wants to help us be kind to everyone. That's why He sent the Holy Spirit to help us—so we can power up with kindness for everyone! Take a few minutes to ask God for help being kind. Be sure and mention the people you find it hard to be kind to, or maybe the situations (like when you're stressed or hungry?) when being kind is most challenging.



## PRAY TO GOD



## DAY 3

You'll need your whole family—and a deck of cards—to play this quick game. Shuffle the cards and then have everyone draw one and hold it up to their forehead without looking at their card.

Walk around the room and talk to each other. If you see someone with a high card (7-10) or a face card (jack, queen, king, ace), be kind to them. Don't overdo it with drama, but just talk about life, being kind and respectful. However, if someone has a low card (2-6), ignore them.

**Don't be mean, but just try to avoid talking to them.**

Keep this up for a few minutes, and then have everyone try to guess what their number is, based on how everyone was treating them.

Talk about how it felt to be treated a certain way. If you had a low card, did it hurt your feelings when everyone treated you poorly? Or if you had a high card, how did it feel to try to ignore someone else?

### END THE GAME BY GOING AROUND AND SHARING ONE KIND THING ABOUT EACH PERSON.



## TALK ABOUT GOD