

Kidmin Object Lesson for *Love is Kind* by Laura Sassi

Big Idea: Kindness is a choice.

Lesson Materials

1. *Book: Love is Kind* by Laura Sassi (Book or Kindle version)
2. Large see-through container of marbles on a counter or table

Procedure

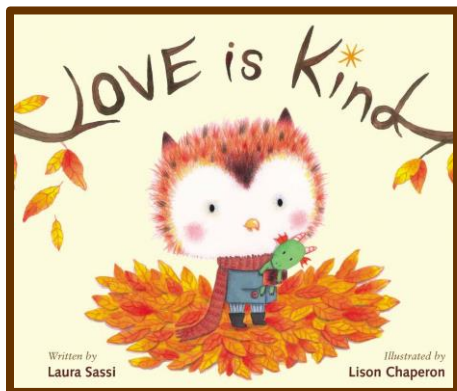
1. Object Lesson Attention Getter: Tell the kids you brought marbles for an activity, but as you lift the jar off of the table, “accidentally” spill them. After several children have jumped up to help, tell the rest to stay seated so no one gets hurt. This is important, as it will give an “out” to those who didn’t get up...and keep the process from getting chaotic.
2. Ask and Discuss:
 - a. What *Fruits of the Spirit* were shown by kids who helped me pick up marbles? (Love, kindness)
 - b. Is it hard to be kind sometimes? What might keep you from being kind? (Busyness, fear, fatigue, not sure how to help, the person who needs kindness is unkind, giving up something special, etc.)
3. Say: Kindness is a choice. Colossians 3:12 tells us that we have to “put on” or “clothe” ourselves with kindness. I am going to read you a story based on 1 Corinthians 13:4, a verse in what is called the love chapter of the Bible. *Read 1 Cor. 13:4a.*
4. Set Purpose for Reading the Story: “When I am finished reading *Love is Kind*, I would like you to give me examples of how Little Owl made choices to be kind.”
5. Read: *Love is Kind*
6. Discuss:
 - a. Give some examples of how Little Owl chose to be kind.
 - b. Was it easy for him to be kind? Why not? (No, it meant he could not buy Grammy a gift .)

Bible Story Connection

1. Memory Verse: *Ephesians 4:32*
2. Story: *The Good Samaritan*, Luke 10:35-37. Choose students to dramatize the story as you retell it.
3. Ask: Who made the choice to be kind? Was it easy? What did it cost the Samaritan to be kind?

Make it Personal

What is one way you can be kind to someone at home? At school? At church? Turn to your neighbor and tell them one kind thing you could do next week.



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Follow Up Activity Options

1. Make a “Love is Kind” [wood](#) or [paper](#) wall hanging.
2. “Owl” be Kind – Draw and color a way you can choose to be kind to someone. [PDF here](#)
3. *Have students retell the story with props.* Use Little Owl and friends from this [“muffin topper”](#) link, but have students glue the pictures onto popsicle sticks. Put students into groups to retell *Love is Kind*.
4. *Sing Ephesians 4:32.* Here is one [song](#) option.