



What Does God Actually Do That's Kind?

Supplies

- Bibles*
- yarn
- construction paper
- scissors
- paper clips
- tape
- markers

Easy Prep

- For each small group, hang a 6- to 10-foot strand of yarn horizontally by tying it between two chairs.

Tip

- To wow your church, have kids take a field trip to a more visible location and hang their yarn display for everyone to see.

Set It Up

Say: **We're learning that God is kind. Let's think about that word for a minute.**

Ask: **• If you're trying to be kind, what do you do?**

Say: **So we know what it looks like for *us* to be kind. But what does *God* actually do that's kind? Let's dig in to that.**

Dig Deeper

Read Psalm 145:17.

Say: **If God is filled with kindness, we need to figure out what he does that's kind. So let's see what the Bible has to say.**

Give each small group a Bible, construction paper, scissors, paper clips, markers, and tape. Assign each group one of the following passages, repeating as much as needed.

- Titus 3:4-6
- Psalm 145:14-19

Say: You're going to be detectives and gather clues from your verses about what God has done that's kind. When you find something, cut a heart out of construction paper and write on it what you noticed. Then unbend a paper clip once to make an S shape, and tape it so it sticks off the top of your heart. Make as many hearts as you need. If you finish early, you can make additional hearts that display ways God has shown *you* kindness! God has filled us with kindness, so let's fill up our yarn with signs of his kindness!

Allow time for kids to read, find clues, and make hearts. If kids need help, here are some examples. (Don't feel like these are the exact answers kids have to find; let them work and interpret on their own as much as possible.)

- Titus 3:4-6: He saved us, he showed mercy, he washed away our sins, he gave us new life through the Holy Spirit, and he generously poured out the Spirit on us.
- Psalm 145:14-19: He helps the fallen, he gives us food, he satisfies hunger and thirst, he is close to us, he grants desires, he hears cries, and he rescues people.

When kids have finished, have them hang their hearts on the yarn. Then have kids share some of their observations.

Say: Wow! This display is now filled with evidence that God is kind. He has done so many kind things for us!