

Kids Sunday School

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Dear Parents & Students,

Thanksgiving seems like the perfect time to think about all the things that we are thankful for. So as part of our Random Acts of Kindness Project, this month, we are going to focus on the concept of **GRATITUDE: Being thankful for and appreciating what you have and those around you.**

We are reminded over and over in Scripture that God is so good! When we are truly grateful for the power of God's work in our lives and for the many blessings that He has given us, we cannot contain this joy. The result is an outpouring of gratitude that is contagious to those around us. Showing your gratitude, through a hug, a gift, quality time, or encouraging words, is a powerful thing! Take on an attitude of gratitude!

Yours in Christ,

Christian Education Committee

News

Shoebox Ministry

Our beloved "Miss Mary" is once again collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child. This is a GREAT way to get your kids involved in demonstrating God's love to other children in need! Shoeboxes are available at the church and are due **Sunday, November 12th.**



Upcoming Events

November 12

Shoeboxes due

November 19

Kids sing during Worship Service

Christian Education Committee

Seleen Shives

Jo-Ann Sheffield

Loy Garber

Linda Garber

Donna House

Kylene Arwood

Hillary Alexander



2017-2018 Projects

Random Acts of Kindness "Shout Outs"

Every week, we give the kids [and their teachers] the opportunity to share any random acts of kindness (RAK) that they performed during the week. For each RAK they share, they get to put a pom-pom in the RAK jar. Once the jar is full, everyone will get a special treat. Who doesn't love special treats?

We thought it would be fun to share a few "Shout Outs" on how the kids demonstrated **HELPFULNESS** last month.

Blaire helped a cashier at Target by collecting a few empty shopping baskets and putting them back where they belonged.

Bodie picked up walnuts in the front yard with his dad.

Theo helped his aunt sell shirts at the Fulton Fall Folk Festival.

Henry handed out candy at the church for Trick or Treat night.

Bronson & Kendall helped make cinnamon rolls and apple dumplings [Yum!].

Jake took out the trash with his dad.

Shaffer helped his teacher take out the trash and put away the computers at school.

Keep up the good work kiddos! You are making a difference!

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.”

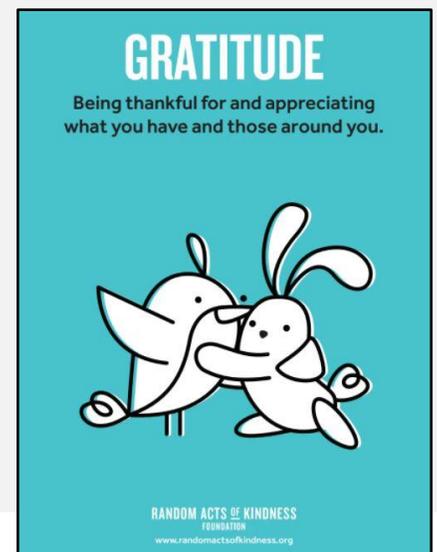
- JOHN F. KENNEDY

Get Inspired

Kindness Ideas

Write post it notes of gratitude for all your teachers.

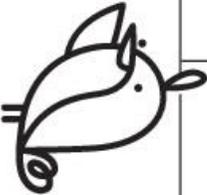
For more ideas, see the kindness calendar on page 3!



NOVEMBER 2017

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
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THEME: GRATITUDE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Write down all the great things you love about yourself	2 Tell someone face to face how much they mean to you	3 Share an experience with someone you love	4 Make a nice breakfast for yourself, your family, your friends, or whoever else is around
5 Make cookies for your neighbor	6 Share your favorite book with others via social media	7 Write a letter to someone who has made a positive impact in your life	8 Smiled! You might just make someone's day	9 Donate a couple of dollars to your favorite charity	10 Buy a meal for a service person if the opportunity presents itself	11 Create a jar with special memories you have of someone and give it to them for their next birthday or special holiday
12 Identify a hidden hero and buy them a cup of coffee or special treat	13 Share positive posts across social media to fill up newsfeeds with kindness	14 Go to a library or bookstore and explore the shelves with the young people in your life	15 Write post-it notes of gratitude for all your teachers	16 Share quotes on social media to promote world peace	17 Make a friend their favorite meal	18 Take a bouquet of flowers to the local hospital for the nurses
	International World Kindness Day	Young Reader's Day				
19 Forgive someone	20 Write a thank you card to your teacher or your child's teacher	21 Buy or make a dozen sandwiches and give out to those in need	22 Say thank you when you wake up and before you go to sleep	23 Reflect: Write out a gratitude list and share on social media	24 Participate in RAKFriday instead of (or alongside) Black Friday @ RAKFriday.com	25 Support local businesses
				Thanksgiving	RAKFriday	
26 Cook a healthy meal for your family and/or friends	27 Smile at everyone you see today	28 Call or write the closest people in your life and let them know how much they mean to you	29 Keep a jar filled with gratitude drops - little notes of thanks. Read one for extra inspiration.	30 Take a day just for YOU		

For even more kindness ideas, visit our website at www.randomactsofkindness.org

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