

CHARACTER TRAIT: Gentleness

FINISH LINE: We can respond gently to the world in need

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:34-46;
Ephesians 2:8-10

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: 10-15 index cards or pieces of paper, a pen or marker

SET UP: Write 2-3 words from this month's memory verse, Ephesians 4:2, on each index card. Hide the cards around the room before starting the game.

DIRECTIONS: Tell your kids that the words to this month's memory verse are hidden all around the room, like hidden treasure. Challenge them to see how quickly they can find the cards. Once they have found them, bring them together and unscramble them. After you have laid them out in order, read the verse all together. You can keep practicing by scrambling the words a few times and see if they can put the verse in order faster each time! Save these cards and use them to practice all month long.

MEMORY VERSE: "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love." **EPHESIANS 4:2**

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Blank paper to make a Top Ten Bookmark, scissors, writing utensils, craft supplies

SET UP: One of the needs everyone in the world has is the need to hear and believe the Good News of Jesus found in Ephesians 2:8-10. Sharing this god news with others is a way you can respond gently to the world in need.

DIRECTIONS: Cut a piece of paper into bookmarks so everyone has one. Have each person write the names of 10 people in their lives that they would be most excited to see come to know Christ on their bookmark. Think through the people you come in to contact with regularly. They may be kids at school, friends in the neighborhood, teachers, family members, or coaches. You can then decorate the bookmarks with whatever craft supplies you have on hand.

Talk about ways you may be able to share the good news about Jesus with the people on your bookmark. Tell everyone to keep their bookmarks in a place they see often, like a bathroom mirror or in their Bible. Every time they see the names on the list, it will remind them to pray for these people and for opportunities to share the truth about the gospel with them.