

2ND GRADE

I AM 3RD



Basketball



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Memory Verse for the 2nd grade: Ephesians 4:32-5:2a

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Week 1: What is I AM 3RD?

I AM 3RD is based on a simple belief that Jesus Christ is first, others are second, and I am third.

We strongly believe that Jesus Christ is the most important person in our lives. (Matthew 25:40)

Doing our best in everything: We want to work at everything with all our hearts, as if we are working for the Lord. (Colossians 3:23-24)

Studying Scripture: We believe all Scripture is God-breathed (from God) and is useful for teaching, correcting, and training in goodness, so that through studying Scripture we may be equipped (ready) for every good work.

It is our prayer that we would gain a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ through our weekly devotions and times of prayer, in order to help us learn more about Jesus Christ and His importance in our lives. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)



Week 2: Be kind and compassionate to one another

This basketball season, we will be spending our devotional time memorizing Ephesians 4:32-5:2a. This is a very important passage for us to remember because it tells just how much God cares about us, and what that means about the ways we should care about others. The first part we will memorize together is “Be kind and compassionate to one another...” Did you know that kind and compassionate are two words that describe God? We are called to be like God! God cares about us so much that He sent Jesus to earth for us. In a similar way, God asks us to be kind and compassionate to each other.

-What does it mean to be kind?

-What does it mean to be compassionate?

-How can we be kind and compassionate to one another?

Verse: “Be kind and compassionate to one another...”

Week 3: Forgiving each other



Last week, we talked about how God asks us to be kind and compassionate to one another, just like He is kind and compassionate with us. Today we are looking at the phrase “...forgiving each other...” Did you know that God forgives us? God is so sweet. Even when we mess up over and over again, God chooses to forgive us. Because of the way that He forgives us, God asks us to forgive each other. Sometimes people are mean or treat us in ways we should not be treated. Forgiving them does not mean saying that what they have done is okay, but it does mean choosing to be kind to them anyway. It also means asking for forgiveness when you have said something or treated someone in a way you should not have. We all make mistakes! That’s okay! What matters is how we act when we recognize our mistakes. Forgiveness is important!

- What does it mean to forgive?
- Have you ever forgiven someone?
- Is it easy or hard to forgive people?

Verse: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other...”



Week 4: just as Christ God forgave you

Last week, we talked about how God asks us to forgive one another. Today we are looking at the phrase “...just as Christ God forgave you.” God’s forgiveness is so powerful. God does not need to forgive us, but He chooses to because He loves us so much. When Jesus came to earth, the way that He lived and the way that He died were so that we could be forgiven! God says that all we have to do is ask, and He will forgive us. It’s that simple. When God forgives us, He takes that sin away, and it is gone! God gives us a fresh start when we ask Him for it.

- Did you know that Jesus is God? And that He loves you?
- Can you think of a time when you asked God to forgive you for something?
- Is there something that you need to ask God to forgive you for now?

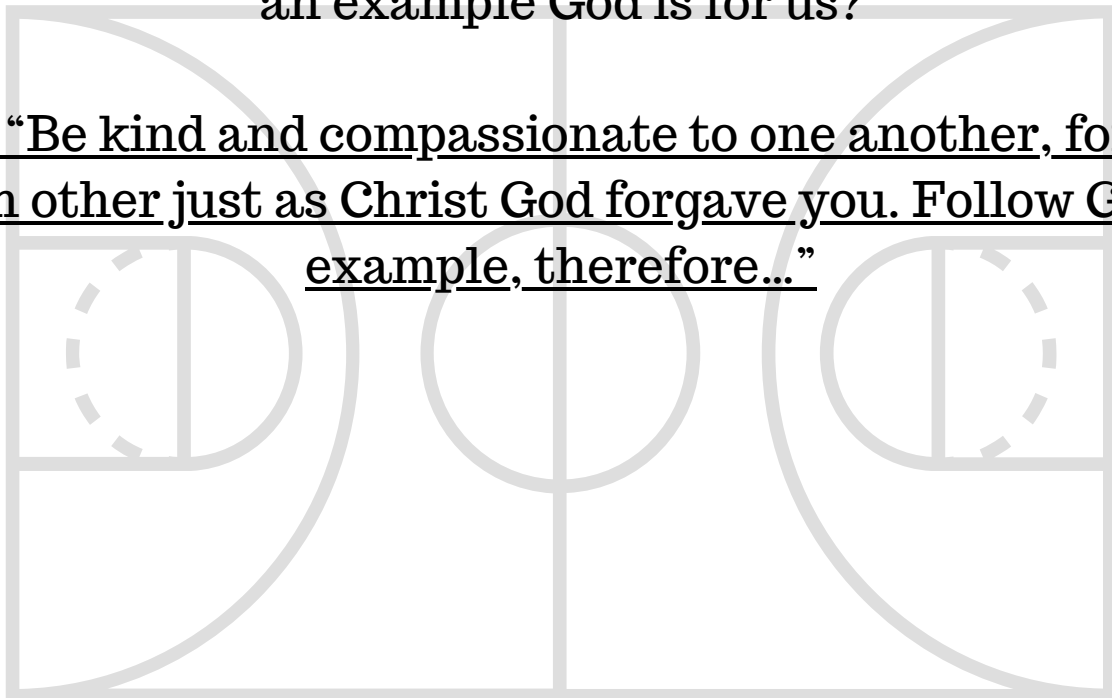
Verse: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as Christ God forgave you.”

Week 5: Follow God's example, therefore

Last week, we talked about how God has forgiven us. Today we are looking at the phrase "Follow God's example, therefore..." Did you know that God tells us about Him in the Bible? The Bible is full of stories about God forgiving people who didn't deserve it. The Bible tells us all about how God wants to have a relationship with us. The Bible tells us about the way that Jesus cared for people and listened to their stories - really getting to know them. These stories in the Bible tell us all about who God is. We are human, so we will make mistakes, but we can follow God's example! We can chose to be kind, compassionate, forgiving, loving, patient, etc.

- What does it mean to follow someone's example?
- What other words can you think of that tell us what kind of an example God is for us?

Verse: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore..."





Week 6: As dearly loved children

Last week, we talked about how Jesus is an example for us. An example that we are supposed to try to follow! Today we are looking at the phrase “...as dearly loved children...” Have you ever heard people talk about God as their ‘heavenly father’? This is because God calls us His children! God cares about us so much. God is the perfect father. And He loves us perfectly. God supports us when we need support. He reminds us when we need reminded. God challenges us when we need to grow. And God gives us a shoulder to cry on when we are hurting. God is always there for us, with open arms. God calls you His child! And He cares for you so much.

-Did you know that God loves you?

-Did you know that God calls you his child? What does that mean?

Verse: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore as dearly loved children...”

Week 7: And walk in the way of love

Last week, we talked about how we are God's children that He cares about very much. Today we are looking at the phrase "...and walk in the way of love..." It seems weird to tell us to walk in a certain way, but this verse isn't really talking about our legs and our feet. When we walk, we go somewhere. We accomplish things when we walk. We travel new places or see new people when we walk. We spend time with friends and family when we walk... We could be silly and try to spell the word love when we walk, but what this verse really means is that when you do something or talk to someone, make sure you are being kind and loving when you do that! This isn't telling us where to go, but how to go. How to talk to someone? With love. How to wait in line? With patient love. How to play with your team? With loving teamwork, caring about each other as you practice and play.

-What does it mean to love someone?

-Can you think of opportunities you have to 'walk in the way of love'?

Verse: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love..."



Week 8: just as Christ loved us...

Last week, we talked about how God asks us to walk in the way of love. Today we will finish the passage with the phrase “...just as Christ loved us.” This whole season, we have been talking about things that God asks us to do, or ways He asks us to act. All of these things that God asks of us, He asks because He already is them. God asks us to be kind because He is. He asks us to be compassionate because He is. He asks us to forgive others because He has already forgiven us. He asks us to love each other, because of the way He loves us.

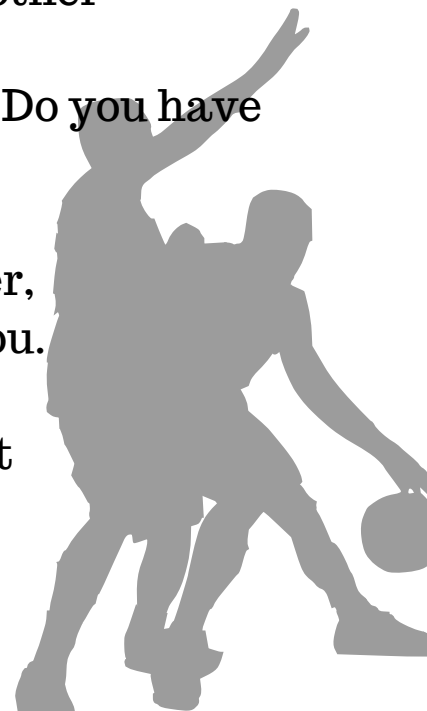
God sent His son (Jesus) to earth because God loves us so much. Jesus chose to come to earth and to live and die for us, because He loves us so much. We have the Holy Spirit because God loves us so much. God is so kind and loving because He wants to have a relationship with us. Do you have a relationship with God? Do you know what God’s love is like?

-The love that God has for us is so incredible. What are ways that God has shown His love to you?

-What are ways that you can show God’s love to other people?

-What does your relationship with God look like? Do you have a relationship with Him?

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Week 9: Season Reflection and Review

Take a few minutes to reflect on this season.

Questions:

What are some memories you made? What will you take away from the devotional time this season?





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