

engage Kids



*Making Friends
For Jesus!*



*Touched Hearts,
Helping Hands*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.



- JAMES 1:27

Memorize this scripture and ask an adult to send an e-mail to engagekids@feaministries.org. Make sure you include your name so that we can recognize you in a future edition of Engage Kids.

LAST TIME, THE SANDRINO FAMILY WAS AT THE HOSPITAL WITH Daniel and his family. Alex and Emma talked with a gentleman in the waiting room for awhile and then left to get pizza and flowers for Daniel's grandma.

"As the Sandrino family was driving out of the hospital parking garage, Alex and Emma noticed something that truly broke their hearts. A little boy was being bullied by a bigger kid at the water fountain.

"Dad look! That little boy is being bullied. Why do people do that? Can we get out and help him?" Alex asked his father eagerly.

"Alex, I do not understand why things like that happen in this world. Of course, let's get out and see if we can help," Mr. Sandrino responded as he put the car in park right next

Our memory verse is from the book of James this month. James also talks a lot about the power of our tongue. Because it is very DIFFICULT to control what we say, we must have the POWER OF GOD to help us in this area. We don't want our words to hurt others! If you stop and T.H.I.N.K. about what you are going to say, it will help you to be kind!

- T** - Is it True?
H - Is it Helpful?
I - Is it Inspiring?
N - Is it Necessary?
K - Is it Kind?



to where the boys were. He opened his door and stepped out toward to the boys.

"Hey there. What is going on?" Mr. Sandrino questioned.

"Um, uh, this kid wouldn't let me get a drink first. I am older, so I should go first, right? Tell him that's how it is, mister," the older high school boy said.

"The kind thing to do is let the younger boy go first. We are called to show God's love to everyone around us.

Do you not think that showing God's love would be better in this situation?" Mr. Sandrino asked the boy.

"I hadn't thought of that... God...Who is He?" the high school boy asked.

"God is Someone who loves you more than you could ever imagine. He sent His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we would have eternal life," Alex quickly inserted.



"Really? Someone loves me that much?" the boy asked.

"Yes, God loves you that much. He wants you to experience His love and then for you to show His love to others," Mr. Sandrino responded with a smile upon his face.

Mr. Sandrino and Alex soon got back into their car to leave the hospital parking garage.

"Dad, I'm so glad that we were able to share God's love with someone else today. Sharing God's love around our own community is just as amazing as going to another country and sharing it. I cannot believe it is this easy AND enjoyable!" Alex said reflectively.

Boys and girls - I am sorry to say there are people in our world who make bad choices. Some of them even hurt children! This happens sometimes in America, but it also happens on the mission field. It is important for you to stay safe while showing kindness and friendship to others. Try the Kid's Challenge this month while following all of the safety rules on the opposite page. God will help you to be a Kind and safe friend!

KID'S CHALLENGE:

Make new friends and celebrate birthdays together with your neighbors. Reach out to kids at the playground and invite them to come play with you.



"I am so glad that you were able to share God's love too, Alex. You know what I was thinking? I think that both of those boys are from the orphanage down the street. It breaks my heart that so many kids these days do not have a home to go to," Mr. Sandrino said solemnly.

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE OF THE STORY IN THE NEXT EDITION.

10 SAFETY RULES

- 1 Don't talk to strangers.
- 2 Know your surroundings.
- 3 Don't accept gifts (for example, candy) from strangers and don't go anywhere with them.
- 4 Use the buddy system. Don't go places alone.
- 5 Never say your parents aren't home.
- 6 If a stranger claims your parents asked them to help you, have a secret word that you and your parents have decided on ahead of time, and then ask the stranger if they know the word.
- 7 Don't chat with strangers on-line.
- 8 If someone grabs you, kick them and yell for help.
- 9 If you feel like someone is following you, go to the nearest safe person (police officer, community helper, etc.) and ask for help.
- 10 Tell your parents whenever you are going somewhere.

BULLYING IS...



PHYSICAL BULLYING

Hitting, kicking or pushing - or threatening to do it

Stealing, hiding, or ruining someone's things

Harassing someone or making him/her do things he/she doesn't want to do.

VERBAL BULLYING

Name calling

Teasing or taunting

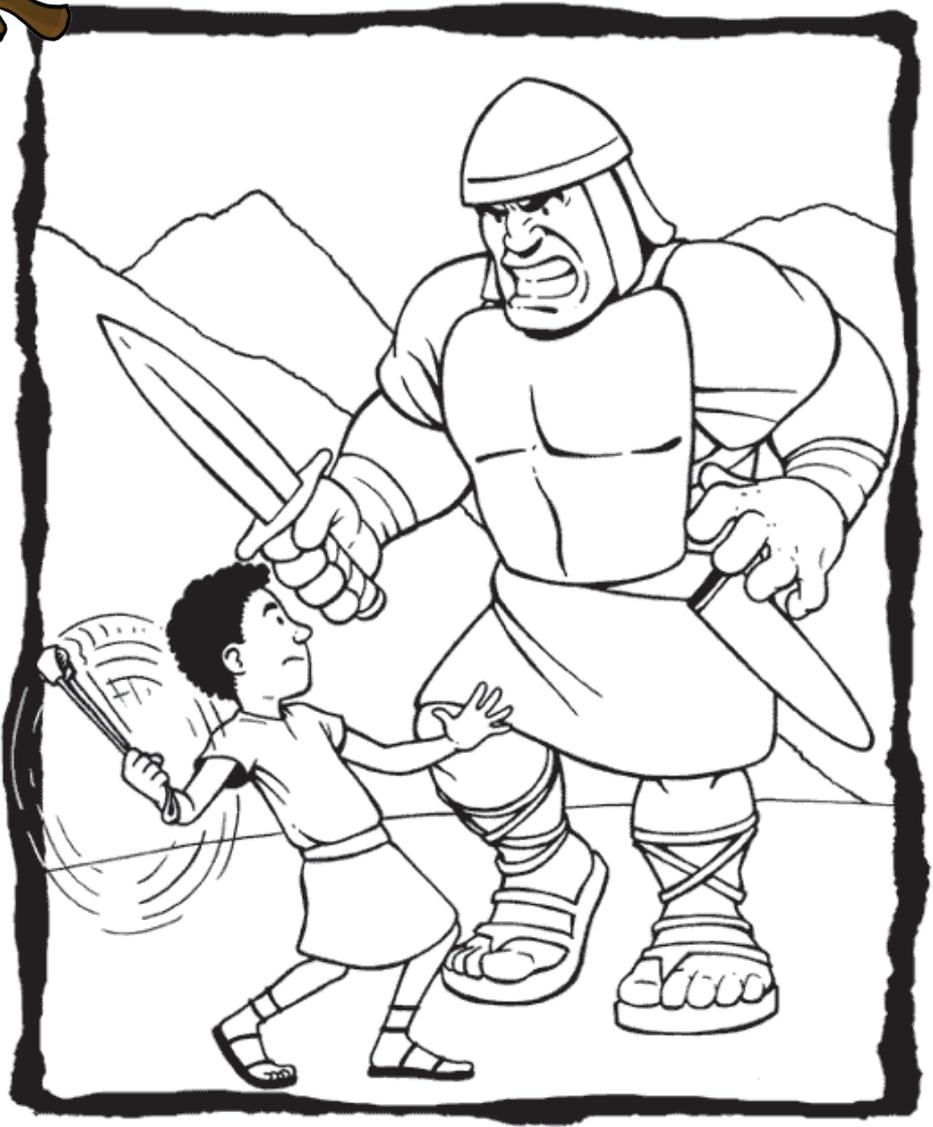
Insulting or otherwise verbally abusing someone

RELATIONSHIP BULLYING

Refusing to talk to someone

Excluding someone from groups or activities

Spreading lies or rumors about someone



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Find 1 Samuel 17 in your Bible and read the amazing story of God helping his people who were being bullied by a giant named Goliath. After you finish, color this fun picture!

DEVELOPER ACTIVITY:

Brainstorm ways that you can be a good friend to others. Write down three ways you can show friendship then draw a picture of you being a friend to someone else.

Send your picture and writing to engagekids@feaministries.org.

You can also mail it to

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