

2023 Jr. RBI Spiritual Development Curriculum: Week 2

Theme for the Year: What is LOVE?

Verse for the Year: “Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIRV

Weekly “Love Challenge”: *Love is kind*

This week, our challenge is to show love by being *kind*. Kindness is going out of your way to be friendly or helpful to others. Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:12 to do to others what we would want them to do to us. Can everyone here agree that we would all like it if other people were kind to us? Okay! Then let’s show everyone around us love by being kind as well. What are some ways we can be kinder to each other? (*Ask your players for input here, especially 10U and 12U. If they are a shy group or too young, provide some simple examples for them.*) So can we all accept the challenge to love by being nicer to others this week? Great! Now let’s pray.

Weekly Prayer Prompt:

Lord God, thank you for this team, for each and every one of the players and coaches on the field today. We thank you for the loving kindness you show to all of us. Please help us to show this same loving kindness to those around us. Help us to love you first with all of our heart and then to love others as we would ourselves. And thank you most of all for the love of Jesus, who sacrificed himself that we might have a relationship with you. Let our play on the field and our lives off of it make you proud. In Jesus’ name, AMEN.

(These prayer prompts are for your reference but feel free to make prayer your own. We just want to ensure that we are speaking God's love and truth over our players every week.)