

# PARENT GUIDE

JOURNEY

## Lesson 3.3: Kindness

WITNESSES

### ▶ SCRIPTURE READING

*John 4:1-30*

#### SUMMARY:

One of the most hated things about Jesus was the way He treated the people the Pharisees considered terrible sinners and the lowest members of society. The Jewish religious leadership could not tolerate Jesus' humble approach in His interactions with those who were not like Him.

Students are asked to think about their approach when talking about the gospel. What is more important, the point they are trying to make or the person they're talking to? In this week's reading, Jesus gives us the perfect example of how we ought to approach our conversations with others about spiritual matters—being entirely focused on the person and how the message of the gospel connects with their needs. It's not about just trying to close the deal.

For some people, their first impression of Jesus and introduction to the gospel might be your student. Remind him or her that actions used in creating relationships with others will communicate the gospel larger and louder than any words your student speaks.

### ▶ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do your interactions with others resemble the Pharisees or Jesus?
- When was the last time you felt regret over how you treated someone?
- When was the last time you were unexpectedly gracious and kind to someone else?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

### ▶ CORE VERSE

*Colossians 4:5-6*

### ▶ CORE CONCEPTS

How we use our words matters as much as what words we use.

Gracious: Having a generous attitude and spirit