

Kingdom of Kindness

Teacher Notes

Suggested age range: 4-8 years **Suggested school levels:** Early Years / Lower Primary

Overview

Kingdom of Kindness is a warm and thoughtful picture book that encourages children to explore the meaning of kindness in everyday life. Through its gentle message, the story helps young readers understand that caring words, helpful actions, and thoughtful choices can make a real difference to others.

Key Themes

- Kindness
- Compassion
- Generosity
- Friendship
- Helping others
- Respect
- Community

Learning Opportunities

This book supports learning in social and emotional learning, speaking and listening, personal reflection, classroom discussion, and creative response activities.

Before Reading

- What does kindness mean?
- What are some ways we can be kind to others?
- How does it feel when someone is kind to you?
- Can small acts of kindness make a big difference?

During Reading

As you read, encourage children to listen and look for examples of kind words, thoughtful actions, caring behaviour, and the way kindness affects others.

- What is happening here?
- Was that a kind choice?
- How do you think that character feels?
- What would you do in that situation?

After Reading Discussion Questions

- What happened in the story?
- Which part of the story showed kindness most clearly?
- Why is kindness important?
- How can kindness help others feel safe, happy, or included?

- What are some kind things children can do at school?
- What are some kind things children can do at home?
- How does it feel when you are kind to someone else?
- What is one act of kindness you could do today?

Key Message

Kindness does not need to be big to be important. Small acts of care, sharing, encouragement, and thoughtfulness can brighten someone's day and help build a stronger, happier community.

Classroom Activities

Kindness Brainstorm: Create a class chart titled Ways We Can Show Kindness. Invite children to suggest kind actions they can do at school, at home, and in the playground.

Kindness Promise: Ask each child to complete the sentence: Today I will show kindness by... Children can draw or write their response and share it with the class.

Draw a Kind Moment: Invite children to draw a scene from the story that shows kindness, or a time when they were kind to someone in real life.

Kindness Tree: Create a classroom kindness tree. Each time a child notices or performs a kind act, add a paper leaf to the tree. Over time, the tree becomes a visual reminder of the way kindness grows.

Cross-Curricular Links

English: oral retelling; speaking and listening; vocabulary linked to feelings and behaviour

Personal and Social Learning: empathy; respect; positive relationships; caring for others

Art: drawing story responses; kindness posters; classroom displays

Extension Ideas

- Keep a class kindness journal for one week.
- Write thank-you notes to people in the school community.
- Create a classroom poster of kind words and actions.
- Start a weekly kindness challenge.

Home Connection

Encourage children to do one kind thing at home and talk about it the next day in class.