



Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: Candy, Hand Sanitizer

INTRODUCE yourself by saying:

Hey everyone! My name is _____, and I'm so glad all of you are here today! We've been having so much fun learning about how to show love to others.

HOLD UP candy and show to kids. **SAY**:

Would it be rude if I kept all this candy to myself and didn't share any with you? (Yes) Well I have learned that "Love Is Not Rude," so I'm going to share some with you as you tell us your name!

SANITIZE kids' hands. **GIVE** each child a piece of candy as he/she says name.

INTRODUCE kids to what we are learning today:

When someone is rude or mean to you, it's easy to be rude or mean back to them. But we should treat others the way we want to be treated. That means it is best to show them LOVE, and today we need to know that love is not rude!

Say that after me! Love Is Not Rude!

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Picture Pages, Writing Utensils, Bible Story Cards

GIVE each child a **Picture Page** and a **writing utensil**.

ALLOW kids to look at their **Picture Pages** and guess what order the story will go in. Kids will write the numbers 1-6 in the corners of each picture to put them in the order they guessed.

READ the **Bible Story Cards** and allow kids to fix their numbers as you read.

After the story, **SAY**:

Jesus let so many people be rude to Him because He was taking the punishment for the wrong things we do. In this story, He showed us how to love people when they are rude, but if someone is hurting us, Jesus wants us to ALWAYS ask for help. No matter what, we can love people like Jesus did by not being rude.

When we love others the way Jesus loves them, we are not rude to them!

So what do we need to know today? Love Is Not Rude!

ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING**:

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us and taking the punishment for the wrong things we do. Thank You for showing us how love is not rude. Help us do that every day. We love You! Amen.

Need to Know:

Love Is Not Rude!

Bible Story:

Jesus is Arrested

Matthew 26:44-66;
27:11-31

Materials:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Candy
- Picture Pages
- Writing Utensils
- Bible Story Cards
- Beanbags
- Checkered Flag Cards
- Sample Flag
- Memory Verse Cards
- Filler Guide

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will toss a beanbag onto black and white cards. If the situation on the card shows someone who is not rude, kids can keep the card to make a checkered flag!

Memory Verse:

“Love is patient.
(point to watch)

Love is kind.
(thumbs up)

It does not want
(shake head “no”)

what belongs to others.
(point to others)

It does not brag.
(flex right arm)

It is not proud.
(flex left arm)

It is not rude.
(shake head “no” &
stick tongue out)

**It does not look out for
its own interests.**
(shake head “no” &
point to self)

**It does not easily
become angry.**
(shake head “no” &
hold up fists)

**It does not keep track
of other people’s
wrongs...”**
(shake head “no” &
count on fingers)

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Application Activity (7 min)

Materials: Beanbags (2), Checkered Flag Cards (2 sets), Sample Flag, Hand Sanitizer, Small Candy

1. Divide group into two teams. Give each team a **beanbag**.
2. Place one set of **Checkered Flag Cards** in front of each team, label side down.
3. Show the **Sample Flag** to the group, explaining that this is the flag they will try to assemble using the cards.
4. The first child from one team will toss the **beanbag** onto one of the **cards**.
5. Read the label on the back of the **card**. If the person in the situation was RUDE, put the **card** back. If the person was NOT RUDE, the team gets to keep the **card**.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the second team.
7. The first team to create a checkered flag that looks like the sample is the winner!
8. **Sanitize** kids' hands, and then reward the winners with a piece of **small candy** first, then reward the other team.
9. Afterwards, **SAY:**

- **How does it make you feel when someone is rude to you?** (Angry, upset, sad, etc.)
- **If you are rude to someone else, how does it make them feel?** (Angry, upset, sad) **If you make someone feel like that, are you loving them?** (No)

We don't want others to be rude to us, so we shouldn't be rude to them! Instead, we can show love to them. This week, make sure you are showing love by not being rude to your friends, family, teachers, and even strangers!

So who can tell me in their quietest voice what we need to know today?
Love Is Not Rude!

Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Memory Verse Cards, Beanbag, Filler Guide

TEACH the next part of the Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group and then play a game:

1. Place **Memory Verse Cards** in order in the middle of the circle.
2. Allow kids to toss the **beanbag** to each other, saying one part of the verse on each toss.
3. Continue this around the circle.

REMIND kids that they will learn more of the verse each week.

ASK the following:

1. **In Large Group, was it rude for Vic to brag about him/herself?** (Yes)
2. **How did Screech react when Vic was being rude and saying mean things about Screech?** (Stayed quiet and didn't argue)
3. **How did we learn today that we can love others?** (By not being rude)

USE Filler Guide to keep kids engaged in small group.