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Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: "You are ____" paper

1. Introductions

Circle Up: As you come into the room, have Kid-Os say "hi" to someone else in the circle as they sit down. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name as you give them hand sanitizer. Then pass out a snack to everyone who is able to have one.

2. Discussion Questions

- Who wrote kind words to Timothy in the Bible Adventure? (Paul)
- What are some kind words you could say to your friends or family members?

3. Hands-On Option

Say This: Just like Paul wrote kind words to Timothy, we're going to write kind words to your grown-up. This piece of paper says, "You are ____". Think about the person who dropped you off at church today. What is something kind you could say about them? Are they nice, fun, smart, helpful? I will help you write the word down while you draw a picture. Then, you can give this to them when they pick you up!

Do This: Hand out the papers to the Kid-Os. Go around and ask each child what they want to say about their grown-up. Help them brainstorm if needed and then write the word for them in the blank. The other kids can be drawing their pictures while you do that.

The Point: The words we say matter! We can be a good friend and family member by choosing to use kind words.

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

Do This: Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse with the kids.

> **Memory Verse**: 1 John 4:11 – "Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we should also love one another."
> **Big Idea**: I can use kind words.

Do This: Encourage kids to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to use kind words with our friends and family. Amen."