GO ONE MORE.

A LITTLE KINDNESS ADVENTURE

30 short stories for kindergarten through 2nd grade

Featuring Mia, Eli, and one big truth:

Everyone matters to Jesus.



A READ-ALOUD STORYBOOK

A NOTE FOR GROWN-UPS

Go One More is the story of Mia, Eli, and their friends learning one small way to care each day. Mia and her friends are made up. The Bible passages and big ideas come from 1C's thirty-day Go One More devotional.

This book is made for kindergarten through 2nd grade, so plan to read it out loud together. Each day has a short Bible reading in the New Living Translation (NLT), plus a one-sentence summary of the Bible story to help you explain it in kid-sized words.

This is a friendship challenge. Please never use it to pressure a child, or anyone else, into a decision about faith. Kids can practice kindness, ask honest questions, hear a no and stay friends, and get a grown-up's help any time something feels big or scary.

THE 30-DAY RHYTHM

1. Read the Bible verses together.
2. Read the little story out loud.
3. Ask, "What part did you like best?"
4. Try the day's small act of kindness.
5. Pray the little prayer, or use your own words.
6. Draw what you'll do in the box.

Adapted from 1C Go One More | Kids Edition (K through 2nd grade)

THE SHEPHERD’S ONE

READ TOGETHER

Luke 15:3-7 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Jesus told about a shepherd who looked everywhere for one lost sheep and was so happy when he found it.

Grandma read Mia a story about a shepherd with 100 sheep. One little sheep got lost. “Did he look for just one?” Mia asked. “He did,” said Grandma. “Every sheep mattered to him.” Mia thought about the kids in her class. Was someone feeling lonely? “I can look for one person to be kind to,” she said.

TRY ONE THING

Draw a picture of one person you can be kind to.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me notice one person today.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE EXTRA SEAT

READ TOGETHER

John 1:40-42 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Andrew met Jesus, then went and got his brother Peter so he could meet Jesus too.

At lunch, Eli held his tray and looked around. He didn’t know where to sit. “There’s room here!” Mia called. Eli smiled and sat down. They talked about snacks and silly jokes. Mia remembered how Andrew brought his brother to Jesus. Sometimes being kind takes just three words: “Come sit here.”

TRY ONE THING

Ask someone to sit with you, play with you, or join your game.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me make room for a friend.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE LITTLE NOTE

READ TOGETHER

2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Timothy’s grandma and mom taught him to love God, one day at a time.

Eli missed the ball at recess, and his team lost. He looked sad. Mia found a scrap of paper. She drew a smiley face and wrote, “You kept trying!” She put it on Eli’s desk. Eli read it two times. Then he put it in his backpack to keep. A few kind words can make a big difference.

TRY ONE THING

Say something kind to someone, or draw them a happy note.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help my words make people feel strong.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

Mia and Eli are made-up friends. The Bible stories are true.

STOP AND HELP

READ TOGETHER

Luke 10:30-37 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Jesus told about a man who got hurt. Two people walked right past him, and then a kind Samaritan stopped to help.

Crash! A box of crayons spilled on the playground. Kids walked around the mess. A little boy looked like he might cry. Mia remembered Jesus' story about the man who stopped to help. She knelt down. "I'll get the blue ones!" Eli picked up the red ones. Soon the box was full again. The little boy grinned.

TRY ONE THING

Stop and help with one thing you see today.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me see who needs help.

DRAW WHAT YOU'LL DO

THE SECOND QUESTION

READ TOGETHER

Genesis 16:13 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Hagar was alone and sad in the desert, and God came to her. She called Him “the God who sees me.”

Eli was quiet today. “Are you okay?” Mia asked. “I’m fine,” he said. He still looked sad. Mia waited. Then she asked again. “Was today hard?” Eli nodded. He missed his old school. Mia listened. She didn’t try to fix it. God sees us, and Mia wanted Eli to know she saw him too.

TRY ONE THING

Ask someone, “How are you really doing?” Then listen.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me listen with my whole heart.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

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A NAME AT BEDTIME

READ TOGETHER

Nehemiah 1:4 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

When Nehemiah heard his people were in trouble, the first thing he did was pray.

At bedtime, Mia folded her hands. She remembered Nehemiah, who prayed first when things were hard. “God, please help Eli feel happy at our school,” she prayed. “And help me be a good friend.” Mia didn’t know what tomorrow would be like. She knew God was listening right now.

TRY ONE THING

Pray for one friend by name at bedtime.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Father, please take care of my friend.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

FOUR FRIENDS

READ TOGETHER

Mark 2:1-5 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Four friends carried a man who couldn’t walk all the way to Jesus, even lowering him through a roof!

Eli’s big art project fell apart. Paper went everywhere! “Want some help?” Mia asked. Noah and Zoe came too. Four friends held the corners and taped it back together. Mia thought about the four friends who carried a man to Jesus. Helping is easier when we do it together.

TRY ONE THING

Ask someone, “Would you like some help?”

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, make me a friend who helps.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

PRAY AGAIN

READ TOGETHER

Luke 18:1 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Jesus told His friends to keep on praying and never give up.

Mia prayed for Eli all week. He still missed his old home. “Is God listening?” Mia asked Grandma. Grandma gave her a hug. “God always listens. We can keep talking to Him.” So that night Mia prayed again. Then she drew Eli a silly picture of a dog wearing a hat. Eli laughed out loud.

TRY ONE THING

Pray again for something that matters to you.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, thank You for always listening.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

TINY SEEDS

READ TOGETHER

Mark 4:26-28 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Jesus said God’s kingdom grows like a seed: slowly and quietly, even while the farmer sleeps.

Grandma gave Mia a tiny seed. They planted it in a cup and watered it. The next morning, Mia checked. Nothing! The next day, still nothing. “Growing takes time,” Grandma said. Mia thought about Eli. Being kind is like planting seeds. Good things grow slowly, and God helps them grow.

TRY ONE THING

Plant a seed, or draw a picture of something growing.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me be patient while good things grow.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE SECRET PRAYER

READ TOGETHER

Colossians 4:12 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Paul wrote about a man named Epaphras who prayed hard for his friends, even when nobody saw.

Mia folded a card and wrote Eli’s name on it. Inside, she drew three things to pray for: a sunny day, a brave heart, and good friends. She put the card by her bed. Nobody at school saw it. That was okay. God heard every prayer.

TRY ONE THING

Make a prayer card for a friend. Draw what you’ll pray for.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Father, help my friend be brave and happy.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

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THE FRIEND WHO CAME BACK

READ TOGETHER

Ruth 1:16 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

When Naomi was sad and alone, Ruth promised to stay with her, and she did.

Eli felt sad about his old friends again. Mia had already talked to him about it. She remembered Ruth, who stayed close to Naomi when things were hard. Mia wanted to stay close too. “Want to play on Friday?” she asked. “Yes!” said Eli. Mia drew a star on the calendar so she wouldn’t forget.

TRY ONE THING

Check on a friend again, even if you checked last week.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me be a friend who stays.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

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WHAT WOULD HELP?

READ TOGETHER

Mark 10:46-52 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

A blind man named Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, and Jesus asked him what he wanted.

Zoe fell down and scraped her knee. Mia ran over. “I’ll get a bandage!” she said. “Wait,” said Zoe. “Can you help me find my glasses first?” Mia stopped. Jesus asked people what they needed. So Mia asked, “What would help most?” Together they found the glasses under the bench.

TRY ONE THING

Ask, “What would help?” before you jump in.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me hear what others need.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

ONE MORE PLACE

READ TOGETHER

Luke 19:1-6 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Nobody liked Zacchaeus. Jesus saw him up in a tree and went to his house for dinner.

Noah was building a blanket fort. Eli stood and watched. “I’ve never made one,” he said. “That’s okay!” said Noah. “We need a helper!” Soon four friends were inside a wobbly fort, laughing. Mia thought about Zacchaeus. Jesus made room for him. Mia liked making room too.

TRY ONE THING

Invite someone into your game or group.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me make people feel welcome.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE SOCK MISSION

READ TOGETHER

Acts 9:36, 39 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Tabitha loved God and made clothes for people who needed them.

Mia’s family was collecting socks for people who needed warm feet. Mia wanted to help like Tabitha did. She counted socks. She made labels. She carried the big bag to church all by herself. “Kindness can be something people use,” Dad said. Mia liked that a lot.

TRY ONE THING

With a grown-up, gather something useful to give away.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, show me a need I can help with.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE BIGGEST GIFT

READ TOGETHER

John 12:3 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Mary showed Jesus how much she loved Him with a very special gift.

Mia wanted to give Grandma a present. She only had three coins and a crayon. So she drew Grandma a card. Then she sat on the couch and listened to Grandma's stories about being a little girl. Grandma smiled the biggest smile. The time Mia spent with her was the best gift of all.

TRY ONE THING

Give someone your time today. Play, talk, or listen.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me love people big.

DRAW WHAT YOU'LL DO

MIA’S STORY

READ TOGETHER

John 4:28-29 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

After a woman met Jesus at a well, she ran to tell her whole town about Him.

Eli asked, “Why do you like learning about Jesus?” Mia thought for a minute. “Because Jesus loves people, even on bad days. And He’s helping me be kinder.” “That’s cool,” said Eli. The woman at the well told people about Jesus too. She told what she knew, and that was enough.

TRY ONE THING

Tell someone one thing you know about Jesus.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me talk about You kindly.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

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A WALK AND A QUESTION

READ TOGETHER

Acts 8:30-31 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Philip met a man reading the Bible and asked if he understood it. Then they talked about it together.

Mia and Eli walked home together. “Do you think God hears kids?” Eli asked. Mia remembered Philip, who listened to a man’s questions. “I think He does,” said Mia. “Why do you wonder?” Eli said he prayed about moving. Mia listened all the way to the corner.

TRY ONE THING

Ask a friend a kind question, then listen to the answer.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me listen to questions with love.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE PAUSE BUTTON

READ TOGETHER

James 1:19 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

James wrote that we should be quick to listen and slow to speak.

Noah and Zoe argued about the rules of tag. Mia wanted to shout who was right! Then she remembered: listen first. She pretended to press a big pause button. “Let Zoe finish,” Mia said. Then Noah had a turn. Everyone got to talk, and the game kept going.

TRY ONE THING

Let someone finish talking before you talk.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me be quick to listen.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

TWO MINUTES OF BRAVERY

READ TOGETHER

Acts 26:15-16 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Paul told a king the story of how he met Jesus and how Jesus changed his life.

At dinner, Dad asked, “What is Jesus teaching you?” Mia felt a little nervous. “That people matter,” she said. “I used to walk past lonely kids. Now I try to notice them.” Dad smiled big. It was a short story, and it was Mia’s own. Paul told his story too.

TRY ONE THING

Tell your family one way you’re learning to be kind.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, thank You for helping me grow.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

A FRIENDSHIP YOU CAN SEE

READ TOGETHER

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Paul loved his friends so much that he shared his whole life with them, along with God’s good news.

Mia told Eli, “Jesus says to love our neighbors.” Later they saw trash by the slide. “Let’s pick it up,” said Mia. Eli grabbed a bag. Noah and Zoe helped too. Soon the playground looked great. People can hear kind words, and they can see kind actions too.

TRY ONE THING

Do one kind thing that matches your kind words.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, let what I do show Your love.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

THE INVITATION

READ TOGETHER

Mark 2:14 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi and asked Levi to follow Him. Levi got up and went.

Mia’s teacher said Jesus invited Levi to follow Him. That gave Mia an idea. “Eli, want to come to kids’ group with me?” she asked. “We play games and hear a Bible story. I’ll sit with you.” Eli thought about it. “Can I ask my mom?” “Of course!” said Mia. Eli got to choose.

TRY ONE THING

With a grown-up’s help, invite a friend to something fun at church.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me invite kindly.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

COME AND SEE

READ TOGETHER

John 1:45-46 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Nathanael wasn't sure about Jesus, so Philip told him to come and see for himself.

"What if I have questions about God?" Eli asked. Mia smiled. "I have questions too!" She remembered Philip saying, "Come and see." Mia didn't know every answer. "We can ask our teacher together," she said. Eli liked that. It's okay to wonder about God.

TRY ONE THING

When someone asks about God, say, "That's a good question!"

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help us learn about You together.

DRAW WHAT YOU'LL DO

STILL FRIENDS

READ TOGETHER

Mark 10:21-22 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

A rich man walked away from Jesus' invitation, and Jesus still loved him.

Eli said he couldn't come to kids' group this weekend. Mia felt sad for a second. Then she remembered that Jesus kept loving people who said no. "That's okay!" Mia said. "Want to play kickball on Monday?" "Yes!" said Eli. Eli was Mia's friend either way.

TRY ONE THING

If someone says no, smile and stay friends.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me be a good friend no matter what.

DRAW WHAT YOU'LL DO

THE QUESTION BOX

READ TOGETHER

John 20:24-29 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Thomas had questions about whether Jesus was really alive, and Jesus came and helped him believe.

At church, the kids put questions in a box. Noah asked, “Why do bad things happen?” Zoe asked, “Can I talk to God anywhere?” Their teacher said every question was welcome. Thomas had questions too, and Jesus was kind to him. Nobody laughed at anyone’s question. Mia liked that.

TRY ONE THING

Ask a grown-up you trust one question about God.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, thank You that we can ask You questions.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

COME WITH ME

READ TOGETHER

Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

The first Christians ate together, prayed together, and welcomed new people every day.

Eli came to kids' group! Mia and her family met him at the door. Mia showed him where to hang his coat. "This is Zoe, and this is Noah," she said. At game time, Mia was on Eli's team. Eli had a friend right beside him the whole time.

TRY ONE THING

Help a new kid feel welcome, and stay next to them.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help new people feel welcome with us.

DRAW WHAT YOU'LL DO

THE GARDEN TEAM

READ TOGETHER

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Paul said one person plants, another person waters, and God makes it grow.

“Look! Leaves!” Mia shouted. Her seed was growing! Noah had helped plant it. Eli had watered it. Grandma pulled the weeds. Everyone helped, and God made it grow. Mia thought about friends learning about Jesus. She could do her part and let God do the growing.

TRY ONE THING

Say thank you to someone who helped you learn.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, thank You for people who help me grow.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

A NEW CHANCE

READ TOGETHER

Acts 9:26-27 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

People were scared of Saul. Barnabas stood up for him and showed them Saul had changed.

Noah used to make jokes that hurt Zoe’s feelings. One day he said, “Zoe, I’m sorry. That wasn’t kind.” Zoe wasn’t sure. Mia remembered Barnabas, who helped people see that Saul had changed. Noah was trying hard to be kind now. “Let’s play one game together,” Zoe said. Noah smiled.

TRY ONE THING

Say something nice when you see someone trying to do better.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me give people a new chance.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

JUST BECAUSE

READ TOGETHER

John 13:4-5, 14-15 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

Jesus washed His friends’ dirty feet to show them how to serve each other.

Mia found Eli’s lost library book under the slide. She carried it to his classroom. She didn’t ask for anything back. She just wanted to help. Jesus helped His friends by washing their feet. Eli said, “Thank you!” They both smiled. That was enough.

TRY ONE THING

Do something kind just because.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, help me serve because I love people.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

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ONE REAL STEP

READ TOGETHER

Acts 9:10-17 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

God asked Ananias to go help Saul. Ananias was scared, and he went anyway.

Mia wanted to thank the school custodian for keeping their room clean. Every day she thought, “Maybe tomorrow.” Then she remembered Ananias, who was brave and went. Mia drew a thank-you card. She gave it to him after school. His face lit up! Her kind idea became a kind action.

TRY ONE THING

Do one kind thing today that you’ve been waiting to do.

A LITTLE PRAYER

God, help me be brave and do good things.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO

ONE MORE, AGAIN

READ TOGETHER

Luke 15:4-7 (NLT)

THE BIBLE STORY

When the shepherd found his lost sheep, he called his friends and threw a party!

Mia thought about all the kind things she had tried: lunch, prayers, games, and her tiny garden. Some days were easy. Some were hard. One thing stayed true. Every person matters to Jesus. Mia saw a little girl standing alone by the fence. Mia waved. “Come play with us!” Her Go One More adventure was just beginning.

TRY ONE THING

Keep looking for one more person to include.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for loving every single one of us.

DRAW WHAT YOU’LL DO