

Calicinto Kids Newsletter



Lucy Mouse Uses Kind Words

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Lucy Mouse felt the whoosh of the Frisbee as it passed over her head and barely missed her friend Moose Mouse. It was a sunny Saturday afternoon and Lucy was having fun playing with her friends in the little park by the church where she lived with her family in the basement behind the Christmas ornament box. Moose Mouse was her new friend and sometimes bullies bothered him. Moose was a very, VERY tiny gray mouse with a tuft of hair that stood up straight on the top of his head. His voice squeaked when he

talked so sometimes the bullies made fun of him at school. **Lucy the Mouse saw the bullies** at the other end of the park scampering to retrieve their Frisbee, so were relieved that Lucy's mom decided to call them for lunch.

As the friends nibbled their cheese and sipped water out of thimble cups, Lucy wondered why others sometimes said and did mean things to hurt others. She knew the only way to have friends was to be nice and to be a good friend herself. Being mean just makes others not want to be around you. Lucy Mouse remembered a bible verse from Sunday school from **Proverbs 15:1** *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.* She tried really hard to remember that verse when someone said something mean to her and a lot of times it worked. She noticed if she got mad and said something mean back; it sometimes made the bully even madder.

Lucy and Moose finished their lunch, and put their dishes in the sink. They sat down in the living room to play a board game for the afternoon. As Lucy and Moose were starting to put their game away, **they heard a scream and peeked out the window.** One of the bullies was sitting on the ground holding his knee and the other boys were running away. Lucy and Moose looked at each other, and then decided to go and see if he was OK. It was Cranky the Rat. Moose asked if he was ok and gruffly said "I'm fine." But when he tried to stand, he just fell down again, so Lucy and Moose stood on either side of him and lifted him up. Lucy said, "My mom has a first aid kit. Why don't you come to my house so she can fix your knee before you try to go all the way home?" Cranky rubbed his knee and mumbled "Ok."

Cranky sat at the kitchen table and Lucy's mom bandaged his knee while Lucy carefully carried a plate of cheese to the table. Cranky noticed the board game on the floor in the living room, and said "Hey, I used to have that game, but my little brother lost most of the pieces." Lucy set the board game up again and they all played for awhile. Cranky said he had to go home. He waved goodbye to Lucy and Moose and limped home.

Lucy and Moose put their game away, and Lucy smiled and said now she knows what the verse means that she read in the bible. **Proverbs 25:21-22** *If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head and the Lord will reward you.* Lucy hoped that Cranky would be nice to them at school now, but even if he was still sometimes mean to them, they knew what Jesus would want them to do!

Has anyone ever said anything mean to you? Lucy Mouse hopes you remember the bible verses. They help her to be nice to bullies and they can help you too. Did you know that God loves you very much? He wants to help you too. If you ask Jesus to be your Savior and best friend then Jesus will be in your heart and you can pray and learn lots of things in your bible like Lucy does. God wants you to talk to him, and remember that there is no prayer that is too big or too small for him!

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Name That Wrangler!

Good Luck!!

This Wrangler loves to sing and help at the horses. Her favorite horse is Cody! She has an older wrangler sister and a younger wrangler brother and her mom is Wrangler Gina!

She's always smiling and loves to help at camp!

Can you guess who it is???

BIG HINT:

Her name sounds like the name of a character in a Disney Movie!

second step quiz

In the story about Lucy Mouse what were some kind things Lucy did when Cranky came to her house?

Why do you think Lucy was kind to Cranky?

What are 3 green zone choices you can make if you meet a bully?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name 3 people you can show kindness to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Did you know?

The human heart beats about 100,000 times a day, 35 million times a year, and two and a half billion times in an average lifetime. The average heart pumps more that a gallon of blood a minute. A kid's heart is about the size of a fist. An adult's heart is the size of two fists.

Do you know what the Bible says about LOVE?

→ God expressed His Love by giving us the greatest gift. That gift is His son Jesus. Do you remember learning John 3:16 at camp? "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

God loves you and me. When you ask Jesus into your heart and ask Him to be your Savior and Lord, He is always with you!

Can you memorize this special verse that talks about being kind?

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32

In your own words what does being kind mean:

My Name _____
Age _____

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Calicinto's newest Canines!



"Macy"



"Daisy"



Did you hear the Good News? You remember all the friendly dogs at camp: "Treasure, Honey, Candy & Belle?" (in the picture below) Next time you come back to camp, look for our new puppies, Macy & Daisy! Honey is the grandma of these cute little pups! Did you know that Honey, Candy, Belle, Macy & Daisy are all Labrador Retrievers? Yes, and Treasure is a Golden Retriever! They are looking forward to going on the trail rides with you! Keep your eyes open for these new arrivals, they can't wait to see your smiling faces!



1..2..3..YeeHaw!

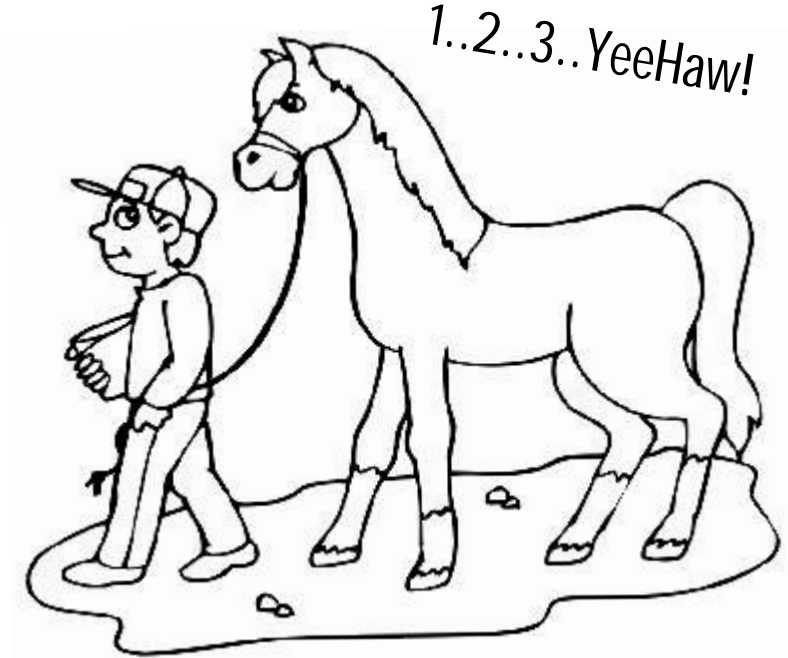
Can you name the horse in this picture?



This horse was a new one this summer. He is brown and white and his name starts with a "c" and ends with a "y"?

Can you guess who it is?
Good Luck!

Color this picture!



Draw a line to connect the pictures that show how we can show kindness and love to others. As God watches how we treat others, He is pleased too!

Keep making those "green zone" choices!