

Kindergarten
Lesson Plan *Tiny Acts of Kindness*
Live With Purpose-A Belief in the Greater Good



Wreaths Across America

Lesson Plan

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| Teacher: | Date: |
| Grade: K | Lesson: Live With Purpose-A Belief in the Greater Good |

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| <p>OBJECTIVES: CCSS.ELA-SL.2.2. Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.</p> | <p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehension Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Large Group |
| <p>MATERIALS:</p> | <p>Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copy of the Oral Comprehension Questions for <i>Tiny Acts of Kindness</i>; copies of the Oath of Kindness Writing Practice; I Promise to Be Kind Drawing Activity; copies of Coloring Sheet National Salute to Veteran Patients Project</p> |
| <p>Engage: Hook the students</p> | <p>Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner, and share their answer. Ask students: What does the word “kindness” mean? Allow students time to answer the question. T/P/S Question: How do you feel when someone is not kind to you? How do you feel when someone treats you with kindness? Discussion: What are some ways you can show kindness to others? Ask students to share examples of being kind. Explain: Being kind to others is intentional, in other words you decide or choose to be kind to others. It is done with purpose. The phrase “a belief in the greater good” means you believe in doing what is best for everyone, <u>not</u> in doing what is best for just you.</p> |
| <p>Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.</p> | <p>Play the YouTube read aloud book, <i>Tiny Acts of Kindness</i>, Author/Illustrator- Thuy Ha, https://youtu.be/OI_iPQJT86E?si=TbUHG-GwjlBtc463 Read the Oral Comprehension Questions for the book, <i>Tiny Acts of Kindness</i>. Hand out the Oath of Kindness Writing Practice. Read it aloud. Allow students time to complete the writing assignment. Hand out the I Promise to Be Kind Drawing Activity. (This is a good time to practice left hand/right hand.) Explain to students when we Pledge to the American flag, we cover our hearts with our right hand. We are making a promise to our country. Hand out the Coloring Sheet National Salute to Veteran Patients. Allow students time to complete the coloring sheet. Find your nearest Veteran hospital or facility, mail the coloring sheets! Print Project completion certificates here.</p> |
| <p>Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.</p> | <p>kindness greater good intentional oath purpose</p> |
| <p>Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.</p> | <p>Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details.</p> |
| <p>Evaluate: assessment.</p> | <p>Teachers will select which activities to use as formal/informal assessments.</p> |
| <p>Enrichment/Service-Learning Project</p> | <p>Students will brainstorm a classroom project to extend kindness to others in their community or in their country. The National Salute to Veteran Patients takes place during the week of February 14 every year. This year, it takes place from February 11 to 17. See the last page for more information.</p> |

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Oral Comprehension Questions *Tiny Acts of Kindness*

1. At the beginning of the book, the author mentions 4 tiny acts of kindness: a warm simple smile, a soft wave hello, a listening ear, and a sweet hand to hold. What are some tiny acts of kindness each of us can do?

Answers will vary.

2. The author says, “The best things in life are the things you can’t see. Like the power of kindness when you set it free.” What does the author mean by setting kindness free? **The author is talking about being kind to other people.**

3. What happens to kindness when it is “set free”? **When kindness is “set free” it grows bigger and travels from one place(person) to another. But it always comes back to where it started.**

4. According to the author, who needs kindness the most?

Each one of us needs kindness in our hearts.

Why? **We each need kindness in our heart because that is where love grows.**

5. Why does kindness come easy when your heart is open?

Kindness comes easy when your heart is open because it feels right to be kind.

6. Why does the author say it is important to make your heart smile? **The author says it is important for your heart to smile, because it is easy to be kind when you are happy.**

7. What magical powers does kindness have? **Kindness connects hearts to hearts; it connects us to other people in positive ways by showing kindness to one another.**

8. How is the world a different place because of one tiny act of kindness? **If one person is kind to someone and then that person is kind to someone, the world is changed by each person showing one tiny act of kindness.**

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An Oath of Kindness Writing Practice

I

make a promise

today, to show

kindness in all that

I do and I say.

To be helpful to

every person I

see, if they need a

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friend, they can

count on me.

I can help change

the world, and I

really should,

live life with

purpose, for the

Greater Good.

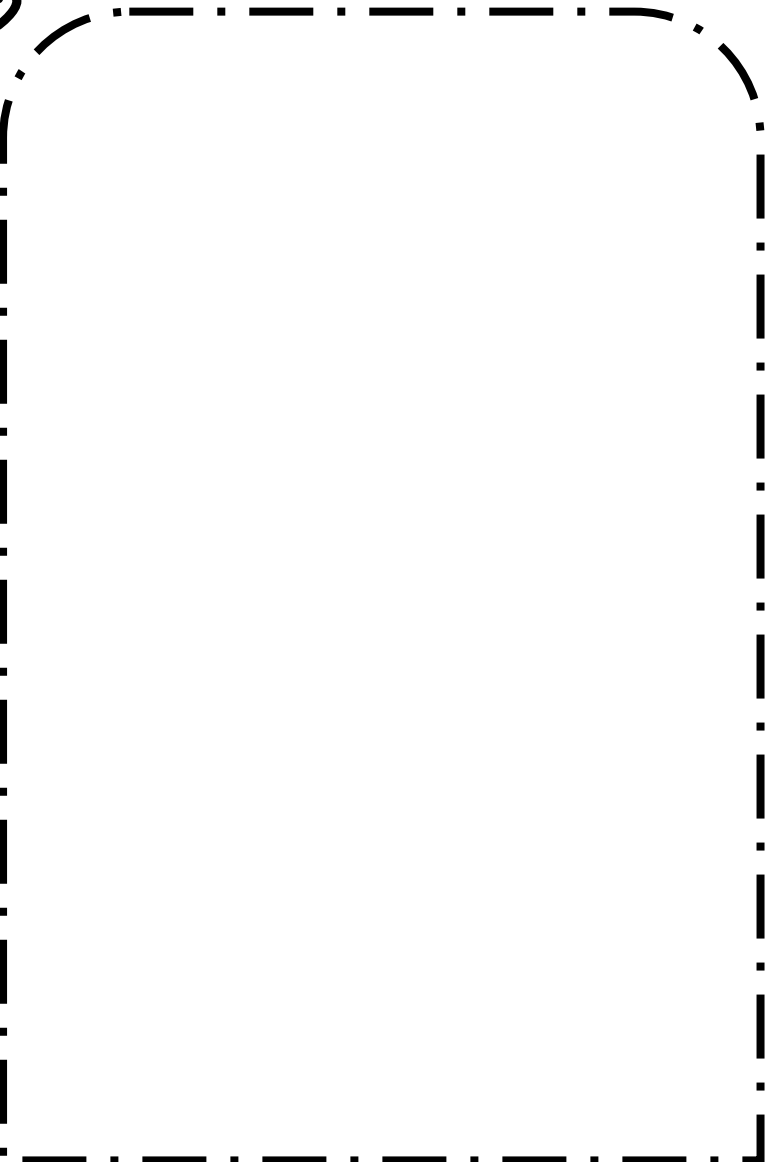
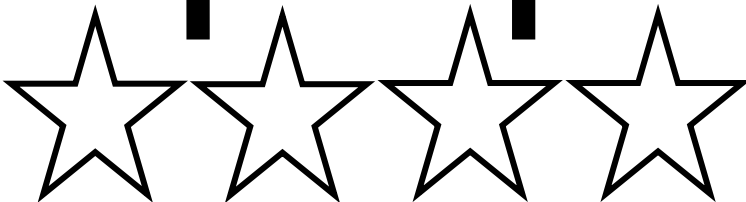
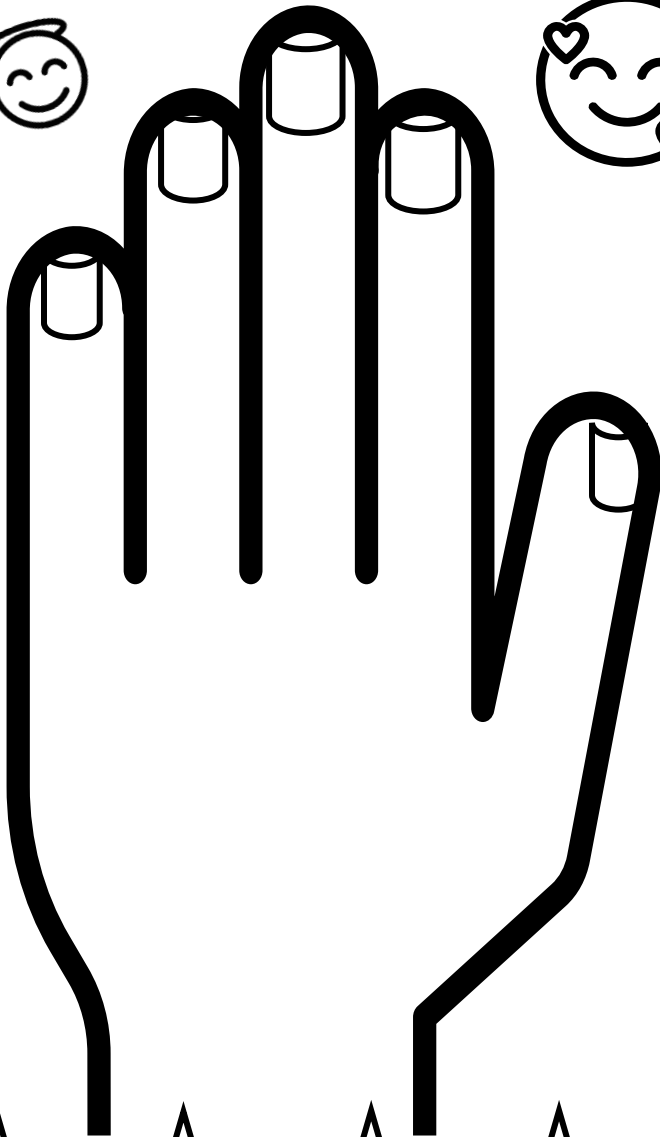
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I Promise To Be KIND!



-Draw your RIGHT hand in the box below and promise to be kind.



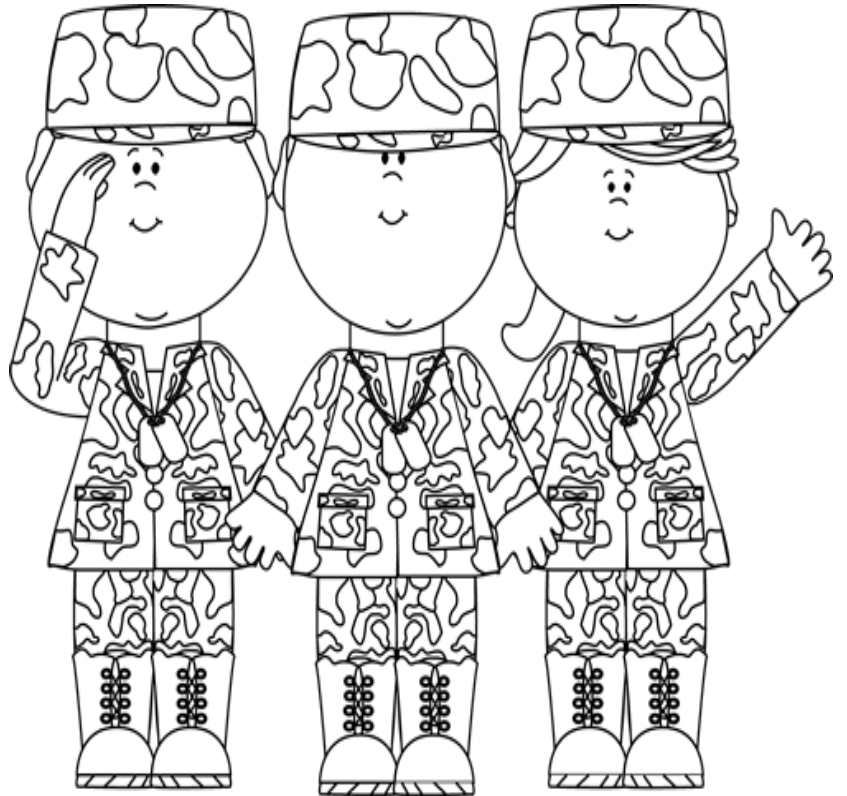
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Coloring Sheet National Salute to Veteran Patients Project

♥ We LOVE our ♥
Veterans. Thank
you for protecting
our freedoms.



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Suggested Service Project for February

The National Salute to Veteran Patients takes place during the week of February 14 every year. This year, it takes place from February 11 to 17. The purpose of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to:

- pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans;
- increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center;
- encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, the more than 9 million Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.

The week also provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center.

Contact your nearest VA Medical Center and ask for Voluntary Service to discover the wonderful things you, your group or organization can do to salute America's Heroes. Locate the facility nearest you.