



## Kindness

Closing Devotion

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (Ephesians 4:32).*

The loving mother held her daughter as she tearfully wailed, “Mom, I just can’t stop crying!” As she hugged her daughter tightly, the mother softly reassured her, “I love you, and I want to help.”

Some mothers might have kept their distance or ignored the issue. She could have said, “Get a grip, girl,” or “Pull yourself together.” But this mother offered kindness, love, and understanding.

Jesus did not ignore us, but saw our sinful condition. In love He went to the cross and gave His life for our sins. As parents motivated by Christ’s love, we want to model that same kindness in our relationships with our children. Kindness is love and forgiveness in action.

**Stretch your faith-filled parenting:** Join your child in performing a random act of kindness for another family member, friend, or neighbor.

**Prayer:** Kind and loving Savior, Your kindness is shown to us by Your love and forgiveness. Help us to demonstrate Your kindness by the love and forgiveness that we share with our loved ones. In Your compassionate name we pray. Amen.

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