



Kids Care Lesson 2

# Presence

## LESSON COMPONENTS

Main Point	5 mins
Background for Teachers	5 mins
Opening Discussion Question	10 mins
Bible Time with verse	15 mins
Story / Video	10 mins
Discussion	20 mins
Arts and Crafts / Activity	5 mins
Snacks	5 mins
Fundraising	
Prayer	1 min

## MAIN POINT

**Presence –God is always with us as we are with one another**

## SCRIPTURE

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. - Hebrews 13:16*

## BACKGROUND FOR TEACHERS

One of the oldest traditions of the Christian Church has simply been to be faithfully present in the world. Canadian Baptists have lived this out with courage—the vital work of being present for those in need. This is especially true for vulnerable children in our world today.

Every child should have the right to just be a kid. They should be protected, loved and cared for. When you invest in their well-being, you are paving the way for a brighter future. Despair induced by poverty; suffering from trauma due to conflict; physical damage inflicted by chronic hunger; lack of access to educational opportunities - these horrible situations are particularly tragic for a child. Our initiatives provide hope and possibilities for a child to arrive at adulthood healthy, whole, and healed. When children fail to reach their potential, year after year, we all face a darker future.

CBM works in the The Golden Triangle through our partners to be present with kids at risk. The Golden Triangle consists of Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand. Children in the mountain regions from struggling families are provided an education and care through Student Centres run by CBM’s partner. Most of the children have parents struggling with addictions and are unable to properly care for their families.

Today, we meet \*Kanda, an 8-year-old who lives in these challenging circumstances. But with the help of CBM’s partner in Northern Thailand through the Support for Disadvantage Children project, she receives care and an education. At the student centre, she learns about God’s love in practical ways. She has hope for a much brighter future, knowing that God is with her in every step.



OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION: *What do you think it means to be present? (being here, in the moment, giving full attention, etc.)*

BIBLE TIME:

***Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.***  
- Hebrews 13:16

***In the Bible, Hosea 6:6 says: “For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.” Can anyone tell us what they think mercy means? (let kids share responses) As part of forgiveness, it can mean not punishing someone who has made a wrong choice. It can also mean giving help to people who need it. So, it’s also about being compassionate and showing that we care.***

God is always with us as followers of Jesus, which means we can experience his presence with us. One way we can experience his presence is in church, but also as the family of God. Whenever people of faith share kindness, compassion, and caring by sharing food, or putting a bandage on someone’s injury, or giving someone a coat when it’s cold – these all show that God is present with all of us.

There are lots of needs in our world today. What do you think we all need? (*food, water, a home/shelter, clothes, love, someone to listen to us, safety, kindness of others, etc.*)

The story of the Good Samaritan talks about helping someone who was hurt on the road. Religious leaders passed him by and didn’t help. But someone who was not a religious leader, in fact, was seen as lower in society did stop and help. God doesn’t see us as different, but equal in value regardless of where we come from and who we think we are. The Church shows this by also treating everyone equally and caring for all people, especially when there is a need. We are all called to help those who are hurting, lonely, or sad. We can show compassion and God’s presence through our kindness.

BIBLE TIME DISCUSSION QUESTION: *I wonder what kindness looks like. What do you think?*

KIDS CARE VIDS

Download educational videos to better engage your Sunday school students as you teach today’s lesson. Each video is designed to highlight the story, so you may choose to play the video instead of reading the story out loud.



**VIDS**  
Story Video

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/935492409>



## STORY

*\*Kanda is 8 years old, and she lives in Thailand. She has a younger brother and sister. Her parents are farmers, but her dad got hurt in a car accident and can't work, so her mother has a lot of work to do to take care of the family. They didn't have very much and lived in poverty and food was hard to come by.*

*She lives in a place that's very far from the city so it's not easy to travel. Also, the region they live in has a lot of fighting going on, which can make it unsafe for people. Kanda didn't go to school because of how dangerous it was to get around.*

*Kanda's family lives in a region called the Golden Triangle. It's a mountainous area that borders the countries of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. CBM's partner in Thailand runs the Morning Light Centre for children. They often come from difficult situations where the parents may not be together or there may be drug addicts and alcoholics in the family. This can make it hard for kids to focus or go to school and live a healthy life.*

*Kanda really wanted to learn and thankfully, she is attending the Morning Light Centre. She is able to live in the centre, like a boarding school. She says, "I feel safe while staying at the centre. I don't have to worry about what to eat each day. I can go to school."*

*She also loves the teachers who take care of her while she's there. They inspire her to learn new things and live a better life.*

*Kanda hopes to be successful in her future and help people who are suffering because of conflicts and poverty.*

*She shares a message of thanks: "Thank you for giving me a chance to go to school. I pray that God will bless you for this. I will do my best in studying and make progress in my studies."*

## STORY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. It sounds like Kanda didn't have a chance to go to school before. I wonder if she likes school now?*
- 2. What do you think Kanda would be doing right now if she couldn't go to school?*
- 3. I wonder what Kanda means when she wants to be successful in her future and how she'll go about that?*
- 4. It looks like God really helped Kanda and made sure she had good teachers to help. Is God always with Kanda and you and me each day?*
- 5. Can Kanda talk to God? How do we talk to God?*
- 6. What can we do to help kids like Kanda? (Pray, raise funds etc.)*

## ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITY

### **School bag craft with school supplies**

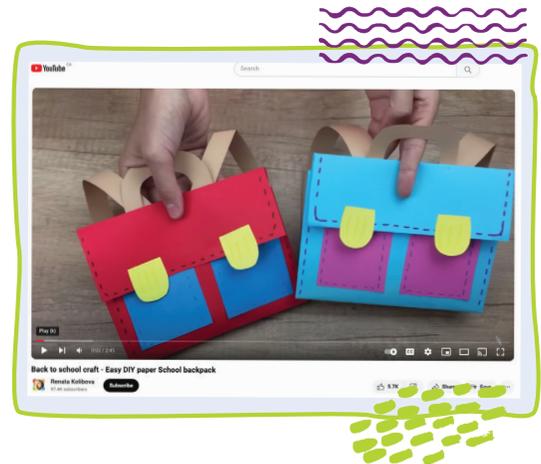
Going to school is very important for \*Kanda and all the kids at the Morning Light Centre. Here's a fun way to remind us to pray for kids who don't have a chance to go to school. This craft is also handy in keeping a few small school supplies you'll need for your own use or to give as a gift.

#### **Materials :**

- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue (or staples to make the seals stronger)
- Items to put inside school bag such as pencil, eraser, small ruler

**Instructions:** see YouTube video\*\*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ak8LveRBxXk>



## SNACKS

Thailand is home to many tropical fruits such as mango, papaya, pineapple, and jackfruit. So long as there are no food allergies, put together a plate of tropical fruit treats for the kids to sample. A popular dessert is a ripe sliced mango, sticky rice with coconut milk.

Find recipes here \*\*: <https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/sticky-rice-with-mango-12066> OR <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/150313/thai-sweet-sticky-rice-with-mango-khao-nee-mamuang/>

## FUNDRAISING

One of the many ways we can be present with others is to help. Find chores around the house or for a trusted relative or friend of the family. Ask them to donate to your class fundraising goal of \$150.

## PRAYER

Thank you, God, that you are always with us. We ask that your presence be with us as we find ways to help those around us. Thank you that when we ask, you are always available to help us when we need you.

\*Name changed for privacy and security purposes.

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