

Here are some easy ways to help youth use Summer of Kindness this year!

1. Send out the Scripture passage or link to the video each week to your youth in a group text/email/chat. If you are only using text, please be sure to include either a link to the version of the passage you would like them to use or send the full text to them. By sending out a link or full text you remove any barriers that might keep them from accessing the Scripture. Some online Bible options that don't require an app are Biblegateway (multiple translation options) <https://www.biblegateway.com/> and Biblica (NIV in multiple languages) <https://www.biblica.com/online-bible/>.
2. Throughout the week send out the activity suggestions and "I Wonder" questions to a group text/chat. Allow the students to share their thoughts. It is okay if it feels like students are not responding well to every prompt. Creating a "no pressure" conversation will encourage them to engage when they are able and/or willing.
3. Throughout the weeks you are using Summer of Kindness have a contest to see who can fill up their Kindness Bingo Card first! Have a group of prizes to help them feel motivated to fill their summer with acts of kindness. If you choose this contest model for the bingo card, it may be wise to have parents/guardians sign each square to eliminate questions of fairness, etc.
4. Another way to use the Kindness Bingo card is to use it as inspiration for your youth to pick activities they would like to do together in the community. You can either do them as official youth group activities or encourage your youth to gather within their family units

We would love to see pictures of your youth and families spreading kindness around the community! Please send any pictures to [cmillerwhite@michiganumc.org](mailto:cmillerwhite@michiganumc.org).