

Project Spotlight

4th Grade – Bellevue Christian

The Storyline in Kelly Fish's third grade classroom at Bellevue Christian is **Choose Kindness**. As learning shifted from school to home, Kelly invited students to share with each other how they are practicing kindness to others and creation while they are learning at home. She is sharing a few different examples of her student's reflections.

Student Reflections

"Me and my family were kind to creation during online learning. One way I helped is by staying home, and only going outside on the scooter once, to enjoy the empty parks (doesn't pollute, at all). My parents now driveway less, because they have to work at home. Driving less reduces air pollution. This means that the air is cleaner in big cities, and you can see more stars at night (if it's not cloudy). Because there are less cars on the road, there is less noise pollution, too. Because there is less noise, animals are less stressed out and annoyed. I hope the whales are happy that the loud ships are gone. Rabbits appear in my backyard way more often now, because there is much less noise in the area. I don't have to throw away food waste anymore, because my mom cooks at home. There are no plastic items like Ziploc bags and empty juice boxes to throw away, which helps the environment. Because I don't get my clothes dirty from playing outside, my family uses the washer and dryer less, which saves loads of water. Schools probably have all their lights off, which saves a lot of electricity."

– Gabriel

"One day when I came to school, everybody was talking about this weird new virus. It was called Covid-19 or the Coronavirus. Two weeks later the virus spread farther and came into Washington. Everybody was nervous because it was only in Kirkland which is right next to us.

Then suddenly school was closed because of the Coronavirus. Now I'm stuck at home. So, all of my family is together and I showed kindness by trying to get along with my siblings, even if they don't want to get along with me. I took my little sisters on a bike ride even though we went slower than the slowest snail or slug. That is how I have been kind to others. Kindness is especially important right now, because some people want space and are scared, so you have to them your gift of kindness.

While we were home from school because of the coronavirus, I was kind to creation multiple times. Two that I want to share are when me and my family were out on a hike. It was a beautiful day. We were thankful to God for making beautiful days. Another was when my mom and I went on a walk, and we picked up someone else's trash and threw it away for them. It is very important for us to be just as kind to creation as you would to your best friend. We can still go outside even though we can't go anywhere else it's still important to be kind to creation and enjoy it."

– Elly



I was an Earth keeper this week when I recycled a lot of stuff. And I eat a lot of bananas, so I composted them. Also, so when I leave a room I turn of the lights. Recycling is good because you can reuse it or make different things with it. That's how I have been an earth keeper."

I chose kindness by giving my sister space to do her online learning. She is down the hall from me listening to her teachers so I have to be quiet. I am a community builder by respecting her needs. When she has a break, we jump on the trampoline or play Minecraft. By being kind, we work together and have fun.



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