

# KIDStory<sup>®</sup>

A PROGRAM OF KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

## DISCIPLING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES A KIDSTORY WEBINAR

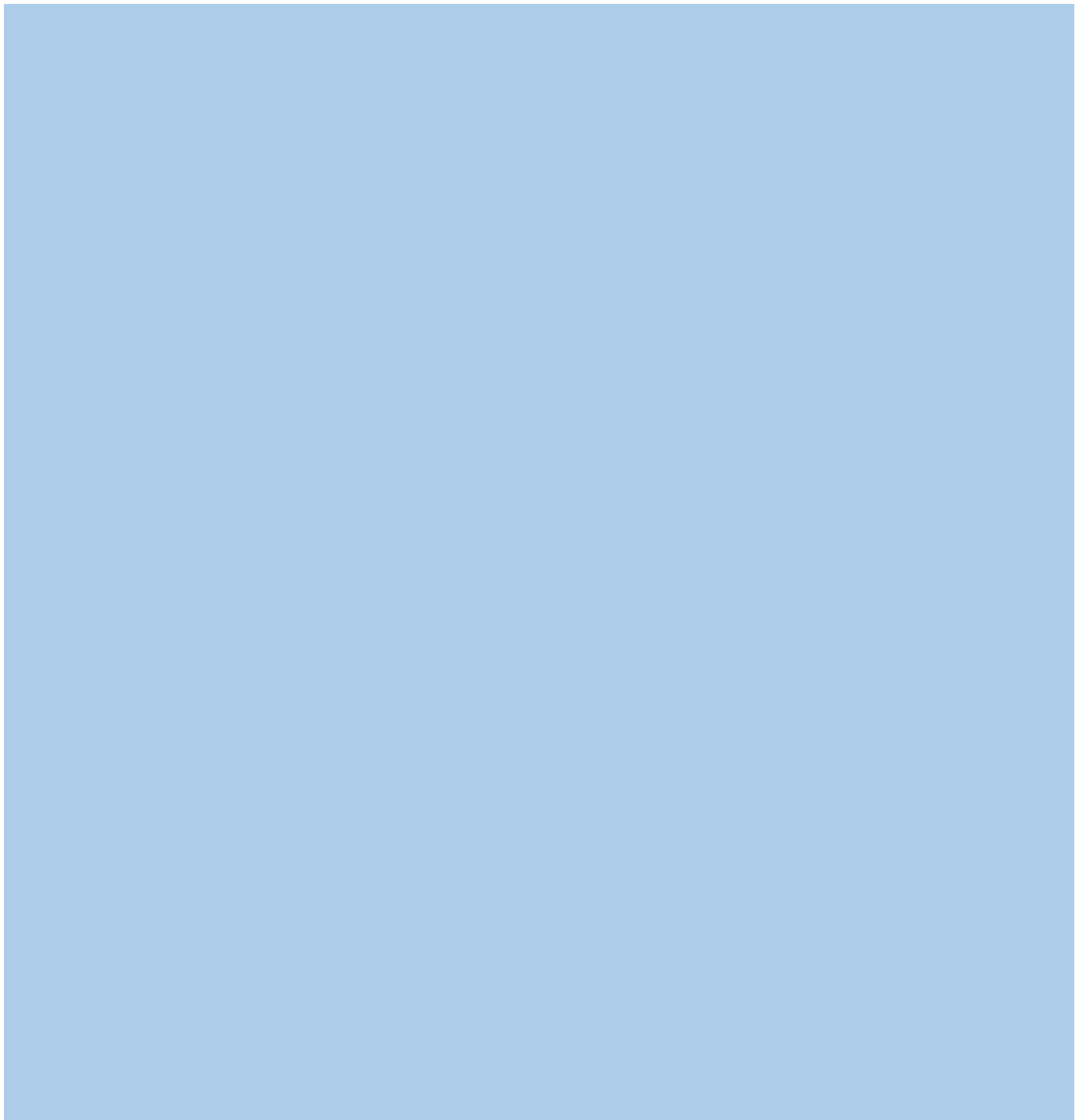
### IN THIS WEBINAR YOU CAN:

- \* Discover how to be like Jesus and include everyone
- \* Use your skills to welcome kids with disabilities
- \* Help churches learn how to partner with the disability community

"Generation after generation stands in awe of (God's) work;  
each one tells stories of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4 (MSG)



# NOTES ...





**I want you to  
think of one  
person you know  
who is impacted  
by disability**



# the 5 stages

## changing attitudes

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### STAGE 5: CO-LABORERS

If God has called each of us to serve and praise Him with every fiber of our beings, then He has done the same for our brothers and sisters in Christ with disabilities. I think ministry should not just be to people with disabilities, but with or alongside people who have disabilities. Together, we will encourage and equip each other, with and without disabilities, into every good work to respond to God's call on our lives. We can all give and we can all receive.

### STAGE 4: FRIENDSHIP

I have come to know and spend time with a friend who has a disability. This person has value in God's sight, but also in mine, and I know that my life is better for having known this person, and as much as I have helped her, she has also blessed me. In fact, I now like to initiate relationships with people who have disabilities. God brings many different people into my life, including people with disabilities, and we all benefit as we grow in friendship with each other.

### STAGE 3: CARE

Like me, people with disabilities were created in God's image. By that virtue alone they have value. I hope that someone will take the time to show them God's love, and I will happily support such an effort. In fact, I think we need to find ways to help those people. Maybe we should do something to help, like with Special Olympics or with a nearby group home.

### STAGE 2: PITY

I feel sorry for people with disabilities. It's too bad, really. I am blessed by God and I can help others. I am grateful that my friends and family members are not disabled. People with weaknesses and disabilities obviously need someone like me to help them and give them meaning, due to their troubles. I really don't see any meaning or purpose to their lives.

### STAGE 1: IGNORANCE

Weaknesses and disabilities are a sign that God either does not care or is not able to fix the situation. In fact, they may be a result of sin or a lack of faith. God is not involved in the life of someone with a disability, because He can't use people who are so broken. I do not know people with disabilities, nor do I know anything about disabilities. I have no interest in getting to know them or to know more about their life.

AWARENESS

ACCESS

INCLUSION

BELONGING



VISIT THE WHEATON CENTER FOR FAITH AND DISABILITY FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES.



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**Currently, I am at Level \_\_\_\_\_.**

# Person First Language

We put the emphasis on the \_\_\_\_\_  
rather than the \_\_\_\_\_.

Instead of Saying:	We Can Say:
Dyslexic kid	
Epileptic	
Handicapped parking or bathroom	
Retarded, slow, sped kid,	
The Blind	



# Why it Matters

- Over \_\_\_\_\_% of the US population identifies as having a disability
- Those with disabilities are the most unchurched. Only \_\_\_\_\_% are effectively receiving gospel message.
- \_\_\_\_\_% of churches don't have programs related to disabilities.
- \_\_\_\_\_% of marriages end in divorce when they involve a child with disabilities or traumatic medical circumstances.

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# We Include Everyone Always

Jesus was radically \_\_\_\_\_, so we are too.

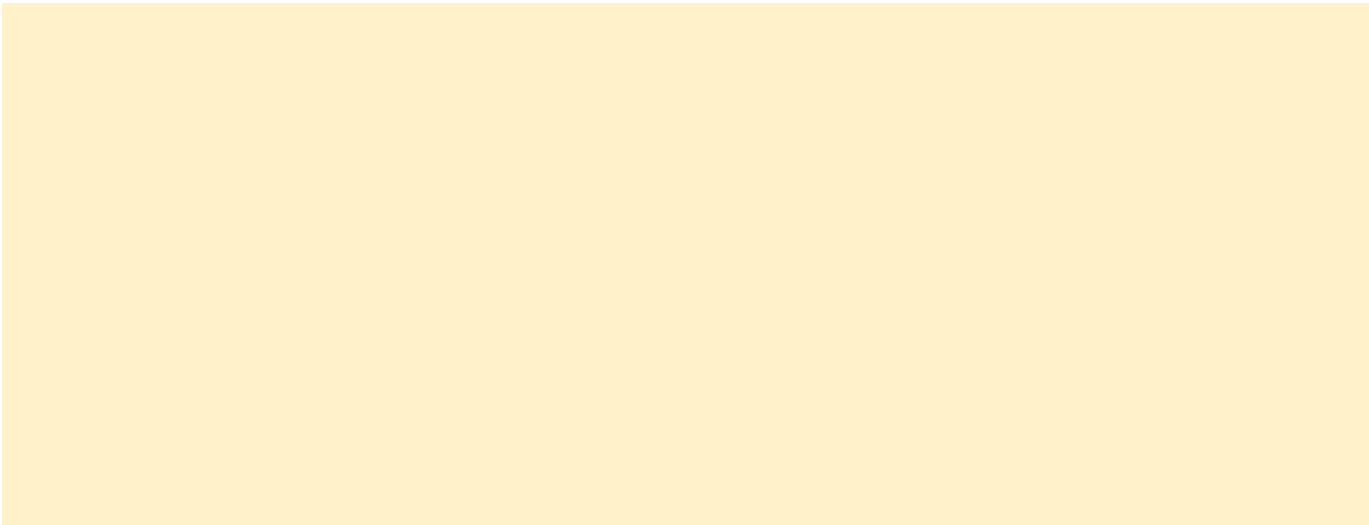


We never decide for someone that they can't do something, but we can give them the freedom to say \_\_\_\_\_.

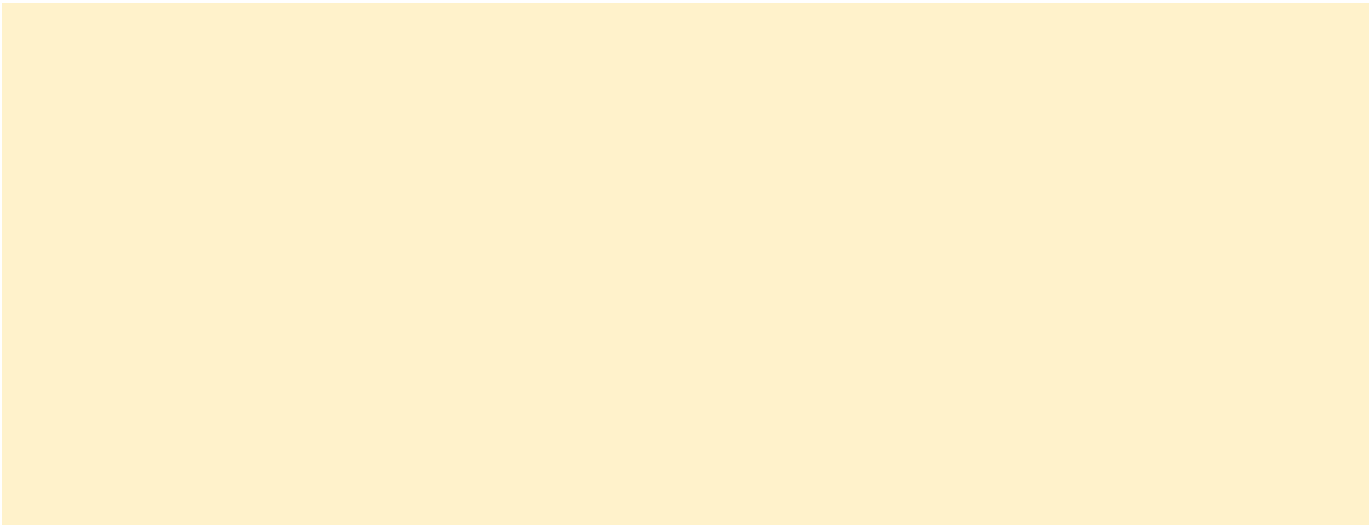
If an activity can't be offered to \_\_\_\_\_, it shouldn't be an option for \_\_\_\_\_.



# **We Speak to People ... Not About Them**



**One is Enough**





# What Is It Like To Be You?

## Mark 2

**3** Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. **4** Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

**12** He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



**Time to check in! What are you feeling? What are you sensing God is saying to you? What is stirring in your soul?**



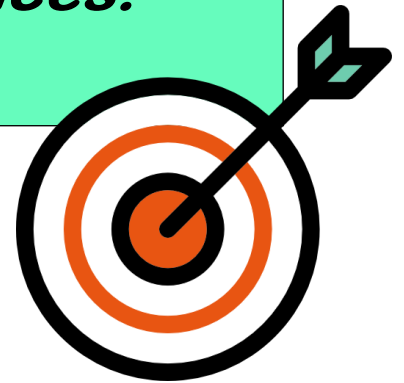
# NEXT UP

Fill in the blank:

Starting today, I am going  
to commit to be more  
inclusive by

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***We need to dispel the myth that empathy is ‘walking in someone else’s shoes.’ Rather than walking in your shoes, I need to learn how to listen to the story you tell about what it’s like in your shoes and believe you even when it doesn’t match my experiences.” – Brene Brown***



# RESOURCES

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## Kids Around the World Resources:

- Kids Around the World: [www.katw.org](http://www.katw.org)
- KIDStory: [www.katw.org/kidstory](http://www.katw.org/kidstory)
- KIDStory Resources: [www.katw-kidstory.com](http://www.katw-kidstory.com)
- Global KIDStory Network (for those using KIDStory: email your WhatsApp # to: [kidstory@katw.org](mailto:kidstory@katw.org))
- KIDStory 2 Minute Promo Video: <https://bit.ly/KSpromovideo>

