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Read the Passage

Kindness, Courage, and Community

September 11, 2001, was one of the most difficult days in American history. Many people were deeply affected by the attacks, and families across the country experienced sadness and loss. Even during such a challenging time, countless acts of kindness and courage brought hope to many people.

First responders—including firefighters, police officers, paramedics, doctors, and nurses—worked together to help those in need. They rescued people, treated injuries, and supported families. Volunteers from many communities also stepped forward. They donated blood, prepared meals, collected supplies, and offered places for people to rest. Neighbors helped neighbors, and strangers helped strangers.

Communities across the United States came together to support one another. Schools, churches, businesses, and local organizations collected donations and organized volunteer efforts. People worked as a team because they knew that helping others was the best way to move forward.

Today, September 11 is remembered not only for the tragic events that happened but also for the courage, kindness, and unity that followed. People continue to honor the victims and the heroes by performing acts of service and caring for their communities.

Students can remember these lessons every day. Simple actions—such as including someone who feels left out, helping a classmate, thanking community helpers, or showing respect to others—can make a big difference. Every act of kindness helps build a stronger and more caring community.

Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Courage	Being brave even when something is difficult or scary
Kindness	Being friendly, caring, and helpful toward others
Community	A group of people who live, work, or learn together
Volunteer	A person who chooses to help without being paid
Unity	People working together for a common purpose
Service	Helping others or your community

Match the Columns

Column A

1. Courage

2. Kindness

3. Community

4. Volunteer

5. Unity

Column B

A. Helping others without expecting payment

B. Working together as one group

C. Being brave during difficult times

D. A group of people who help one another

E. Showing care and respect for others

Multiple Choice

1. What quality did many helpers show on September 11?
 - A. Laziness
 - B. Courage
 - C. Anger
 - D. Fear

2. Which of these is an act of kindness?
 - A. Ignoring someone who needs help
 - B. Sharing supplies with a classmate
 - C. Being rude to others
 - D. Breaking classroom rules

3. What does the word community mean?
 - A. A type of building
 - B. A group of people who live or work together
 - C. A kind of vehicle
 - D. A famous landmark

4. Why did volunteers help after September 11?

- A. They wanted to help people in need.
- B. They wanted to win a prize.
- C. They were asked to play games.
- D. They wanted to travel.

5. What is one lesson we can learn from September 11?

- A. Helping others makes communities stronger.
- B. People should solve problems alone.
- C. Kindness is not important.
- D. History does not matter.

True or False

Write T for True or F.

_____ 1. Volunteers helped people after the attacks

_____ 2. Communities worked together during difficult times.

_____ 3. Kindness can make a positive difference.

_____ 4. Unity means working against one another.

_____ 5. Students can show kindness every day.

Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank

kindness • courage • service • community • volunteer

1. A _____ helps others without being paid.
2. Showing _____ means being brave during difficult times.
3. Helping your neighbourhood is called _____.
4. A strong _____ works together and supports one another.
5. Small acts of _____ can brighten someone's day.

Short Answer

1. What are three ways people helped others after September 11?

2. Why is working together important during difficult times?

3. Name two ways you can show kindness at school.

4. Why is it important to remember people who help others?

Creative Writing

Imagine your community needs volunteers after a storm or another emergency.

Write 6-8 sentences explaining:

- How would you help?
- Who would you help?
- Why is teamwork important?
- How would your actions make a difference?

SEL Reflection (Social-Emotional Learning)

- **My Kindness Promise**
- Complete each sentence.

➤ Today I can help someone by

➤ One way I show respect is

➤ A person I admire for helping others is

➤ One kind thing I will do this week is

Challenge Activity

Circle the words that describe a good citizen

Helpful • Respectful • Caring • Honest • Responsible
• Selfish
• Unkind • Brave • Friendly • Thoughtful

Draw and Share

Draw yourself doing one act of kindness in your school or community.

Write one sentence about your drawing.

Remember This

Although September 11 was a tragic day, people also remember the courage, kindness, and teamwork shown by so many individuals. By helping others, showing respect, and working together, we can make our schools and communities stronger every day.