## **Kindness Capes**

This project is a fun way for your class to inspire young students to be kind to others even after school has ended. Note: You will need your principal's assistance if possible. If that cannot happen, the teacher can pose as Captain Kindness instead.

Kindness Concept(s) Courage, Kindness

**Project Timeframe** 25-30 minutes

#### **Required Materials**

- Large White T- shirts cut into capes (see instructions below)
- □ Yellow and Black permanent markers
- Large cape
- Basket or box

A fun video showing kindness capes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ciy dNh1hBU The first graders will use white T-shirts to create kindness capes for the kindergarten class. They will then watch as Captain Kindness (the principal) delivers the capes.

Instructions to create the Kindness cape:

Create the capes using blank tee shirts. (see attached instructions).

Draw a smiley face on the back of the cape and write "Be Kind and Pass It On" below it.

Make sure you have enough capes for the entire class.

Fold up the capes and place them neatly in the basket or box

Have the principal dress up as Captain Kindness and deliver the capes while your class observes.

Encourage your new Kindness superheroes to use courage to spread kindness throughout the entire school and beyond!



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https://casel.org/guide/kindness-in-the-classroom/



# NO-SEW KINDNESS SUPERHERO CAPES!



### STEP 1

Start with a plain white t-shirt. Adult medium size works well.



#### **STEP 4**

Trim around the neck line leaving the loop and remove the front of the tee.



#### **STEP 2**

Lay down flat and cut the sleeves off.



#### **STEP 5**

Lift the neck line and fold in half lengthwise. Cut along side to form o the shape of a cape.



#### **STEP 3**

Cut down both sides lengthwise. Be careful not to cut the neck.



#### **STEP 6**

Unfold and decorate the cape with a smiley face and the phrase "Be Kind and Pass It On"



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