



Dear Kind Teacher and School,

Thank you so much for being part of The Magic Wand Project and bringing kindness to your community. We thought it might be helpful to create a small guide as you start your adventure in magic and kindness.

Here is the story that started it all: (taken from Kindnessgirl.com)

Years ago I was running errands with my kids when I happened to over hear a conversation between my kids Jack and Lucy about magic. It changed my view on magic and kindness forever.

Overheard:

Jack (age 7) and Lucy (age 5)

Lucy: You know magic is not real... (said in a tone of sadness)

Jack: Yes it is Lucy!

Kindness is magic.

The earth is magic.

The way the planets turn is magic.

How we survive is magic.

You are magic Lucy...

Lucy: So am I wrong? Because I thought there was no magic.

Jack: No, how you are in our family is kindness Lucy, and that is magic. When you just shared with Lyra, that is it. I believe in you Lucy.

Everyone is magic, if they spread kindness, joy and love, everyone can be magic.



Lucy: I guess you are right. (in a hopeful voice)

Jack: **Magic doesn't come from the world, it comes from people, and their kindness, that's where magic comes from.**

Lucy passed Lyra a small toy when she cried.

Jack: That's it! There you go spreadin' it, spreading magic.

I realized that kids are experts in kindness and magic so I had an idea. I found some old magic wands I had left over from a project long ago and wondered what would happen if we let all that kindness magic out into the world? How far could it go? What would happen if we let let kids show us the way? How would it change our city and communities? How would it would it change us?

The project:

We left 100 magic wands all over our city at playgrounds, libraries, schools, any place a kid might find it.

Attached to the wand is an invitation to do 3 acts of kindness and discover your kindness magic together.

We asked the finders to send us pictures or tell us about their kindness adventures at The Magic Wand for Kids Facebook Page .

Then we asked the kids to leave the wand for some other kid to find and discover their kindness magic.

Schools quickly latched on to the project and now kids all over the nation are making wands to share.



Here are some ideas for your school or class if you are interested in joining us in The Magic Wand Project for Kids.

1. You may want to introduce the project with a few conversation starters (or the video- <http://bit.ly/JMlt51>):

If you found a REAL magic wand, what would you do with it?
What do you wish you could change?

Do you believe in MAGIC?

Do you think we may hold a power kind of like MAGIC?

2. You can read the kids the story of Jack and Lucy. Ask them to share their thoughts about how kids may be able to change the world with their kindness.

3. You can share the project and ask them if they would like to join you in a mission of kindness. Kids are great at hiding things, connect with this expertise in the invitation.

4. Have a MAGIC wand making Party!

Here are a few supplies or ideas to make the wands:

Good ole' sticks- kids can gather them

Wood dowel rods- we spray painted ours silver and gold

Bamboo sticks- the smaller green kind you use in the garden work great



Supplies, cont.

Foam sheets or cardboard work great for the star. I freehand drew a star template for myself but there are plenty of templates on the internet you can find. The craft store also sells wood cut outs of stars.

Decorations for stars:

Glitter paint or bright colored paints

Sequins

Glitter

Buttons- beware of choking hazard

Feathers

Googly eyes

You can also see pictures of what creative ideas other classes and kids have come up with on kindnessgirl.com.

The tags- There is a download on the main TMWPFK page for tags or you can find it here:

<http://kindnessgirl.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/magic-wand-kids-set.pdf>

Laminate the cards, hole punch and attach with a zip tie or string.

We are SO excited and happy for all the kindness you guys will release into the world. Please send us your pictures or tell us about your experience at patience@kindnessgirl.com or at www.facebook.com/themagicwandprojectforkids !

You are MAGIC!