



You Can Be a  
**Cool Kind Kid**

## Summer Fun for “Cool Kind Kids”

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“Welcome back for another fun time learning how to be ‘Cool Kind Kids.’ I’m glad to see Tanner, Nicole, Carmen, Rudy, Stephen, and Truman the dragon. I hope you are all having a fun summer.”

Everyone jumped up and down, yelling, “Yes!” “Summer is the best!” “Summer should never end!” “No more school!”

“You have many fun choices of things to do in the summer. What are some fun things you like to do?”

Rudy’s hand shot up. “I’m going to day camp. They have swimming, boating, playing fields and lots of other fun stuff.

Tanner shared, “I’m spending time at a cabin on a lake.”

“That sounds like fun.” Nicole added, “My family will be hiking and mountain climbing for our vacation.”

Carmen told everyone, “We went to the beach for a week. It was fun to swim in the ocean and go on the boardwalk at night.”

Truman was jumping up and down, excited to share that he went to the 4th of July celebration. “The fireworks were great. You know we dragons looove FIRE.” The kids all agreed that they love our favorite dragon.

“What are some ‘Cool Kind Kid’ reminders that might help you have more fun as you do these things?”

Stephen asked, “Do you mean having good manners wherever we go?”

“That’s a good one. What else can you think of?”

“I know good manners means sharing, playing fair, and taking turns at home, at camp, on the playground or wherever we go.”

Rudy was waving his hand. “I know one. Obey the rules at a friend’s house or at camp. When swimming, you should always obey the life-guard. That’s good for safety.”

Truman looked as though he wanted to share something, “I’m going on some day trips with a group of friends, and we know that we have to stay with our group. No one wants to get lost.”

“Many of the things ‘Cool Kind Kids’ do when they are out having fun are for safety.”

Truman added, “I like to watch out for little kids and help them be safe.” “Yea for Truman!”

“My friend is traveling to a foreign country with her family this summer,” shared Carmen. “We learned about their customs and beliefs on Google. Some things are not the same as in our country. My mom said that showing interest shows respect for others and their country.”

“Have any of you heard the word, ‘staycation?’”

Tanner replied, “No. What is that?”

Stephen raised his hand and said, “I know what that is. My family is having a staycation this summer. We are going to spend each day doing something fun with our family. My parents have some cool things planned.”

“That sounds like a great idea. Try doing without the TV, games, phones, and other things we ‘have to’ have, and really connect with your family.”

“Cool Kind Kids” are all different and like to do different things. But everyone wants to have fun. Remember The Golden Rule, be safe and be happy.

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