



Parent Guide Jesus teaches: Love Your Enemies



What we learned:

Today we learned that Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who are hurtful to us; that this is not always the easy thing to do, but with Jesus in our heart we can ask him to help us make the choice to respond with love. We also highlighted that we are not perfect and need forgiveness too. Therefore, we should treat others how we would like to be treated; either by giving forgiveness or asking for forgiveness when needed.



Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for your example of being kind to those who were hurtful to you. Help us to choose to be kind and loving to everyone too, even those who are not kind to us. Help me to see others as you see them, with love and hope. Amen.



Suggested Parent/Child Activity:

Read the story about Jesus telling us to love our enemies in Matthew 5:43-48. Talk with your kids about real life situations when someone has treated them unkind. Talk about how it made them feel and ask if they responded the way Jesus taught us to. Maybe share some of your own experiences of dealing with someone who mistreated you.



Memory Verse:

Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you. In that way you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:44-45