

In God's Big Story

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches His followers that in the kingdom of God we forgive our enemies and pray for people who hurt us.

Wonder Truth: Jesus Teaches Us to Love Everyone

Scripture: Matthew 5

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LOVING OUR ENEMIES

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WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God.

—Matthew 5:8 (NirV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Happy are the pure in heart.

—from Matthew 5:8

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How can do you see God's story as part of your own story?

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FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What does Jesus ask us to do for those who hurt us?
- How are Jesus' words different from what the world wants us to do to those who hurt us?
- Have you ever shown love or forgiveness to someone who didn't deserve it? Has someone forgiven you when you didn't deserve it? Tell about it.



LIFE CONNECTION

World's Way/God's Way

For this activity, you will read two scenarios, each with two ways to respond. For each scenario, discuss which response is the world's way to handle a situation and which is God's way. Invite suggestions for other ways to respond to the scenario that could also be God's way.

Scenario 1: Your little sister took your brand-new kite without asking and then got it tangled in a tree. What should you do? Should you:

Take your little sister's kite and stomp on it?

Tell your sister you forgive her and suggest you build a new kite together?

Scenario 2: Your friend has a birthday party. He invites all your other friends, but he doesn't invite you. Your feelings are really hurt. Should you:

Tell your friend that it hurt your feelings not to be invited and ask God to help you forgive your friend?

Plan a really awesome birthday party for your next birthday and make sure he knows he's not invited?

Feel free to follow these questions with discussions about real-life situations you know your kids are facing.



INTERACTIVE PRAYER

Praying for Our Enemies

Great

for

Older Kids!

This week your family has an opportunity to pray for those who have hurt you. Invite your family members to share about a time when someone hurt them. Ideally, an adult will do this first, modeling how to share the hurt without being unkind to the person.

People hurt us. They do wrong things to us. God is not OK with that. If someone lies to you or calls you names or steals something from you, that's sin! And God takes sin very seriously. But every person is loved by God. Even the people who hurt us. And God loves us, too, even though we sometimes hurt others. Jesus teaches us to pray for people who hurt us. Let's take some time to do that now. I'm going to read some prayer prompts that you can finish on your own out loud or silently.

God, I want to tell You about how someone hurt me. Allow time for family members to pray after each prompt. **God, help me to love and forgive this person.** Pause. **God, help me know whether this is someone I should trust again.** Pause. **God, thank You for forgiving me when I hurt others.**

Spend time debriefing as a family. Be sure to discuss the difference between forgiving someone and trusting them. Forgiving someone means that we're not going to keep being angry about what they did, but it doesn't necessarily mean completely restoring a relationship with that person.

Not everyone is safe and trustworthy, and it's important for kids to know that.

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