



# KinderChurch Preschool

## Love your Enemies

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies. This can be hard to do. If someone hurts us, we want to get them back. But, this is the wrong attitude.

Jesus loved His enemies. Jesus prayed for the people that nailed Him to the cross. He prayed "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

We have Agape love inside of us, so we can love our enemies just like Jesus did. How? We pray for them, we feed them if they are hungry, we say kind words and we forgive them.

We can reach the lost if we love our enemies. We need to do nice things to the people who are mean to us so we can win them to Christ. The Bible tells us to walk in love and pray for them so they will go to Heaven. So love your enemies and be kind to those who are mean to you. Forgive them and pray.

## BIBLE VERSE MEMORY



God's Word Says: Matthew 5:44 Love your enemies and pray for them.

Bottom Line: I can be nice when others are mean.

## Bible Story



I Samuel 23:7-1 Samuel 24:22 (King Saul and David)

Before David was King, he used to play his harp for King Saul. The King loved listening to David play. It made him feel good. As David grew older, King Saul began to dislike him very much. In fact, he even tried to hurt him. David hid from the king for years, and God protected him. His friends told David that he should just be mean to King Saul because of how he had treated him. David refused to take revenge against his enemy and trusted God. He obeyed what God wanted him to do, and didn't try to get him back for how badly he was treated.

Activities to do with your children to help them learn how!



Loving those who are mean to us can be hard. But God wouldn't ask us to do something that He knows we can't do. He loves us very much and He knows we need help. He put His love inside of us, we just have to turn it on!

### **Craft**

What you need: Markers, Feathers, Sequins, Glue sticks, Card stock, Tape

We are going to make a crown to act like King David. God wants us to act like David, and not be mean back to others when they are mean to us. Act like a king. Wear a crown.

Cut a crown out of card stock and measure your child's head. Use the markers and various craft supplies to decorate your crown. Use tape to fasten crown.

### **How you respond.**

What you need: A pen and a piece of paper

What you do: You want to give your children several scenarios and allow them to give a response.

What you say: Jesus wants us to love everyone, even the people who are mean to us. We have to do the opposite of what others expect us to do. I am going to say a situation and I want you to help me decide what you should do.

1. Someone yells at you. What is your answer: Speak kindly to them anyways.
2. Someone hits you. What is your answer: Don't hit back, just walk away and get an adult to help you.

You might be thinking: Why should I be nice to someone who is mean to me? Here is why: Have you ever done anything wrong before? (Allow your kids to share a few times when they have messed up.) Even though you have made mistakes before, I still love you, your family loves you. So when someone makes a mistake we should still love them.