



GROUP ACTIVITY

Jesus Teaches on Loving Our Enemies

BIG IDEA: Jesus teaches us to love everyone, including our enemies.

BIBLE BASIS: Matthew 5:38-48

KEY VERSE: "But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you." Matthew 5:44 (NirV)

Potato Pass

Supplies: Potato or small ball

Say: In today's story, Jesus told a crowd of people who were about to throw stones at a woman, "Let the person who has never sinned throw the first stone." He wanted everyone to realize that we are ALL sinners and we shouldn't judge others for their sins. We have to remember that Jesus might look down on sin, but He doesn't look down on sinners. Even though we're sinners, Jesus still loves us. And Jesus says to not judge or look down on people for their sins, because other people could just as easily judge or look down on you for your sins. That's what our memory verse reminds us to do. Let's read it together:

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged." Matthew 7:1 (NIV)

Directions: Have everyone sit in a circle. Practice the verse together until everyone can remember it. When ready, give the "potato" to someone in the group. Instruct them to begin passing the potato around the circle. As each child receives the potato, have the group say one word from the Bible verse. The child who is holding the potato at the end of the verse gets to stand up and do a silly dance. Play several rounds to help the children learn the verse. For each round, start the potato with a different child. Challenge the kids to pass the potato faster and faster as they become better at reciting the verse.

Question: Has anyone ever looked down on you because of your sin? How did that make you feel?

Question: What is one thing that you will do this week to help you not look down on someone who sins?

When finished, say a prayer and ask God to help everyone not judge others or look down on them when they sin.



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LESSON 7.1

DRAW IT!

What does it look like for you to show love to your “enemy”?
Draw a picture of it.



Think of someone who is mean to you sometimes. Write down a list of ways that you could show that person love or pray for that person.

JOURNAL IT!

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**READ
IT!**

Matthew 5:38-48. Draw a picture of the story or write to God your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

**PRAY
IT!**

Write a prayer to God. Ask Him to show His love to someone who is mean to you.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

JESUS TEACHES ON GIVING

BIG IDEA: Jesus teaches us to be generous and to perform our good deeds in secret.

BIBLE BASIS: Matthew 6:1-4

KEY VERSE: "Then your giving will be done secretly. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly." Matthew 6:4 (NIRV)



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MATTHEW 5:44

