

FAMILY DEVOTION

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"If You Have An Enemy, Love And Pray For Them"



"I Will Love And Pray For My Enemies!"



"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"

- Matthew 5:44

SAY:

We all have people who are mean to us - they talk about us behind our backs, say hurtful things to us, or even bully us at school. These people can be called our "enemies." Take a minute to think of someone in your life who has been like an enemy to you.

Some people think that we should fight back against our enemies. They think we should try to hurt them before they can hurt us. However, that is not what Jesus taught us to do. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and treat them with kindness!

READ:

Acts 9:1-21

DISCUSS:

- Who became a Christian in this Bible Story?
- What was Saul doing before he became a Christian?
- What happened when Jesus appeared to Saul?
- What did Ananias do to help Saul see again?
- Should we ever treat our enemies with hate?

SAY:

Instead of hating our enemies or getting revenge, we should love them and pray for them. It might be hard to do, but it is always the right thing to do.

PRAY:

Lead your children in a prayer for the person they think of as an enemy. Pray that God will help them to love that person with the love of Jesus. Pray that God will use the children to be a light to those who are living in darkness.