

Bible Verse "Do for others just what you want them to do for you."- Luke 6:31

The Story: Jesus says to the crowd: Love your enemies. Show your best side rather than your worst to those who hate you. If someone is mean to you, pray for that person. If someone slaps you, let them. If someone takes your coat, ask if they want your shirt too. If someone takes advantage of you, remember that you are called to help others. No more payback. Live generously. If you only love those who love you, or help those who help you why are you special? Anyone can do that. Again, I say love your enemies, help others, and give without expecting anything. Then, I promise you, you will find satisfaction. Live your life the way God does for us; with kindness, generosity, and mercy even when we are terrible. Do for others what you want them to do for you. And, unless you want people to judge you, complain about you, or kick you when you are down, don't do that to others. Be kind and forgiving to others and life will be easier. When you give, you will get back more with a blessing. Giving, not getting is God's way.

Story video: https://youtu.be/74cavpHy_3I

Talk about: Jesus is talking about how we should behave. Have you ever done anything wrong before? When that happens do you want to be treated by those you hurt with compassion, respect and maybe a consequence or do you want to be treated with disrespect, gossip and ill-will? How can you show love to those who are mean to you? What about the kids you think of as enemies, or the people you try to avoid because they're different?

Music Videos:

<https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAfLU4> Love One Another Jan 2, 2014

<https://youtu.be/GD9CkOstIJq> Your Friend | Hay Day VBS | Group Publishing Oct 25, 2016

Family Activity: Friendship Pie

Read or listen to Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

One of many videos is: https://youtu.be/b_I9NgXKtC8 Enemy Pie read by Camryn Manheim May 21, 2012

Make your own Friendship Pie. Talk about the qualities of a good friend before you start. This list from <https://storiesbystorie.com/enemy-pie-activities-resources/> may give you some ideas.

Ingredients: kindness - loyalty - trust - patience - support - laughter - respect - time

Measurement Words: dash - sprinkle - cup - touch - teaspoon - tablespoon - handful

The Steps: pour - mix - knead - combine - stir - mold

You can share your recipes with your church family by email or similar.

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Change of Heart-Love your Enemies

Luke 6:27-38

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God Sightings: Think of all the wonderful things you can see; things created by God- our families you, me stars, sun, moon, animals, birds, and everything! We are looking at ways we see what God is doing or has done all around you. A God Sighting might be a hug or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. You can be a God Sighting by being kind to others. My God Sighting: _____

Faith and Prayer: Compassionate God, teach us to love everyone, including those who don't get along with us. Amen

For Youth (grade 6 and up)

Black History Month: This is Black History Month in Canada and the United States. The United Church of Canada has developed some resources that discuss the struggles and celebrations of black people within the church and within the world. Check out this prayer of confession about racial justice.

https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/worship-ideas_racism_recommitting.docx

Talk About: Jesus told his followers that if they gave, they would get back more with a blessing. Have you ever felt that what you received wasn't very generous? Have you ever received an overflowing amount- maybe of birthday cake or candy? What would it look like to give others a generous amount of love of care?

Music Video: <https://youtu.be/8410rdXkrOY> Love Your Enemies Sep 12, 2019

https://youtu.be/WQFa-LbbV_0 Smiley Kids-Love Your Enemies.wmv Nov 13, 2010