

AT HOME GUIDE

**PROPEL KIDS
1ST-5TH GRADE
MARCH 15TH**

MEMORY VERSE

“Don’t do anything only to get ahead. Don’t do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.”
Philippians 2:3 (NirV)

KEY QUESTION & BOTTOM LINE

HOW CAN YOU SHOW KINDNESS TO SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU MAD?
LOVE LIKE JESUS EVEN WHEN IT’S HARD.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

TEACHING VIDEO LINK

You and your little ones can also watch Propels' online worship experience. This activity page goes along with the service. It is available on our website www.clintoncommunitychurch.org.

ACTIVITY: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: NO SUPPLIES NEEDED

What You Do:

ASK:

- Jesus said to love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you. Why do you think Jesus wants us to respond to mean or hurtful people with love instead of revenge?
- Going the “extra mile” was a choice the person could make to show kindness. What might it look like for you to “go the extra mile” for someone who isn’t kind to you?
- It’s easy to love people who love us back, but Jesus asks for more. What’s the difference between the kind of love Jesus talked about and the kind of love most people show?
- Jesus said that when we love our enemies, we show we are God’s children. How can showing love to difficult people help others see what God is like?
- Loving others like Jesus can feel impossible sometimes. When it’s really hard to be kind or forgiving, what can you do to let God help you love that person anyway?



ACTIVITY: PAPER CHAIN PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: SEVERAL STRIPS OF PAPER AND A STAPLER OR TAPE

What You Do:

- **SAY:** Jesus tells us to love everyone, even the people who are difficult to love. In the passage we learned this week, Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to pray for those who hurt us.
- **SAY:** This can be very hard to do, because we like to make fun of or even get back at the people who hurt us.
- **SAY:** Today, we are going to practice loving our enemies by making a prayer chain so that we can pray for the people we do not like.
- **SAY:** We are going to write the initials of the people who make fun of us, ignore us, dislike us, hurt us, etc. all on separate slips of paper. Then we are going to put them together like a chain and pray for all the people we wrote down.
- **DO:** Give your child time to write the initials of the people they think of on slips of paper. Make a few initials of your own to add to the chain as well. After you are both done, make a chain out of the slips by rolling them into circles, interlacing them as you go. Use the staples or tape to secure them.
- **DO:** After making the chain, say a prayer over the people in the chain. Make sure you orient the prayer more towards God helping you and your children forgive and love them more rather than towards God making these people better.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you, Jesus, for loving us before we ever asked for forgiveness. Help us, Lord to do the same for others. We want to have the same love for others you have for us. In Jesus' name, Amen