



Sunday, February 20, 2022
Love Your Enemies * Luke 6:27-38



What's the Big Idea?

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What makes you roll your eyes and groan with annoyance? Saturday morning chores? Or a teacher who asks you to help another kid in class that you're not too fond of? We might even have to clean a litter box or pick up dog poop from time-to-time, or practice the piano when we just don't want to. We say yes to doing hard things, even when those things make us groan a little. That's what Jesus teaches in today's story: to say yes in love.

It's challenging to love challenging people or do the right thing when it's hard, but as disciples (remember that word from a few weeks ago?! It means someone who follows Jesus) that is what we are called to do.



Read It

Find this week's story on pages 274-275 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



Try It

When we are asked to help, it can take practice not to sigh and grumble before saying yes. The next time someone asks you for your help, try saying yes with a big smile. Better yet, help someone before being asked without expecting recognition or reward for what you did. For example, you could empty the dishwasher, do your homework without being asked, set the table for a family meal, or take the garbage out.

What does it feel like to say yes in love?



Talk About It

- 1) How do you think we act when we love our enemies?
- 2) Who were some of Jesus' enemies? Do you have any enemies? Do enemies always have to be people?
- 3) What do you think can help us love our enemies when it just seems too challenging?

Pray: Lord, anger can sometimes weigh our hearts down. Today, we lift up our enemies in prayer — the people and things that make us groan. Help us to feel less anger toward the people and things that challenge us. Give us hearts that strive to love even if we don't get it right the first, second, or even millionth time. Amen.

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Luke 6:27

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Find the hidden words from today's story!

Bless
Enemy
Follow
Friends
Help
Merciful
Love
Pray
Share
Treat

Everyone says, "Love your friends and hate your enemies." I say love your enemies and pray for people who are mean to you.

-Jesus

