

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: We Love

Jesus has a lot to teach us about love! One thing he taught was to love our enemies. That is very opposite of what we learn in our culture today. It's also the opposite of how we naturally want to respond. Jesus' love is unconditional and unstoppable! Though we will never be able to love perfectly, we can learn to see others through Jesus' eyes and love them no matter what.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Matthew 5:43-48 in the NIV Bible.
Our story is not found in the Read With Me Bible.



STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
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STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR YOUNGER KIDS: Sing It

Materials: None

Sing this simple song/chant with your kids to remember today's Big Idea: We Love.

We love (clap, clap) because he first loved us.

We love (clap, clap) because he first loved us.

We love (clap, clap)

We love (clap, clap)

We love (clap, clap) because he first (clap) loved (clap) us (clap, clap)

Repeat the song using different motions like stomps, snaps, head nods, etc.

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FOR ALL KIDS: Villians

Materials: Can you think of any bad guys you know of from movies or books? Why are they the villains?

Sometimes when we hear the word "enemy," we think of people like these villains. But in everyday life, kids your age have people who might seem like an enemy.

When there is someone who does or says mean things to you, how do you feel? What is some advice you have heard about how to treat an enemy?

In today's lesson, Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and pray for them. Do you think that is easy to do? It would be easier if Jesus said to ignore our enemies and stay away from them. But instead, Jesus tells us to love them and pray for them!

Let's take some time to do exactly what Jesus tells us to do. Let's think of someone that might be our enemy. Then we will bow our heads and pray for our enemies.