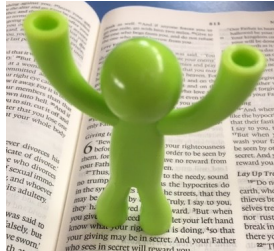




Loving your Enemies

Matthew 5:38-48

think



Use some plastic people to create scenarios of someone being hurt or wronged by another child. Perhaps you could act out ways how you have been wronged by other people.

- How did that make you feel?
- How did you want to respond?

discover

Read Matthew 5:44:-45 ...Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, then you will be true sons of your Father in heaven."

- How should God's children react to the scenarios that you have just thought about, of being wronged by someone? You could re-enact the scenarios.
- How might we feel that we have 'lost' when we don't 'pay back' those who have hurt us? Have we really lost?
- If you were the person being mean to someone and they responded with love, how would you feel?

Read Romans 5:8: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us".

- How has Jesus shown love to his enemies? See if you can act that out with the plastic people.
- How does being loved by Jesus help us to love others who wrong us?



make

- Think of one person you find it hard to get along with.
- On the heart craft write or draw a prayer for that person on one side. On the other side draw or write a prayer that God would help you to always respond to that person in love.