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HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for Elementary

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Lesson 13

Love for All

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Luke 6:27-28

Learning to care for people who might sometimes feel like enemies begins in our homes! When siblings are angry at each other or not getting along well, I intentionally look for ways they can express love and respect toward each other. It might begin with reminders to be in charge of the volume of our voices and the words that come out of our mouths. It always includes praying for the other person, as Jesus said. Then, after a cooling off period, we might sit down together and help them think of something to do or say to the other person that is kind or encouraging. These are more than just strategies for cooling conflict at home; they are strategies that will help my kids anywhere!

Try This:

I listen for signs that my kids are having problems with another child at school or church. I ask questions to help them talk about what happened and how they feel about it. I ask if they need ideas for caring about that person who seems to dislike them. We talk about ways to respond and practice words to say. And we pray together about the situation. It's well worth it to set aside prayer time with your child for one week that focuses just on that "enemy" person. God's intervention will become part of the story of love and care to that person—which may well lead him or her to Jesus! Kids can take their fears to God in prayer, knowing He will help them. Seeing His power at work will make them world-changers in their schools and churches.