MEMORY VERSE

"But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you." Matthew 5:44

LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

It's easy to be kind to people who are kind to us. Loving those who hurt us is much harder. Naaman's servant girl showed kindness to her master. By the end of the story, Naaman was serving God! You can bring Jesus into a bad situation when you bless those who are unkind to you.

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Think of a gift you can give to someone who has mistreated you. If you made a "Bloom Where You're Planted" flower during your small group time, you could use this. Pray for this person before you give the gift. If they act surprised, tell them, "I'm giving this to you because Jesus loves you!" Follow up by praying for them throughout the week. You may plant a seed of faith in this person's heart!

POWER POINT I will bless even those who do wrong to me.

Bible Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-17

LESSON

When people try to get even with others, they want to feel powerful. But we serve a God who has all power, and He gives us the power to be kind. Use the power of kindness to turn enemies into friends. You'll be amazed by how God makes a bad situation better.

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LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

Many movies, TV shows, and books are fueled by the idea of getting back at someone who had wronged us. It's not a new idea—even in Bible times, people wanted revenge! But Naaman's servant girl chose to bless her master instead, and he came to faith in God in the end. Jesus calls us to bless others, even when they don't bless us. With God's power, you can turn a negative situation around!

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Talk to a parent or another Christian adult about what you learned in K.I.D.S. Church. Ask them if they ever had the opportunity to bless someone who was unkind to them. How did it feel? How did the other person react? Were they able to share Christ with that person? Think about the example they set for you the next time you face someone who's unkind. When you are tempted to "get even" with someone, bring your feelings to the Lord in prayer, and ask for His help in bringing blessing instead.

POWER POINT I will bless even those who do wrong to me.

Bible Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-17

LESSON

The desire for revenge is fueled by negative emotions like pride, rage, and hate. We all struggle with feelings like these. Jesus did, too. But He set the ultimate example of blessing His enemies when He died on the cross. Do you have the courage to follow His example?

MEMORY VERSE

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Loving the Unlovable

In the eyes of the world, revenge is seen as normal, even desirable. Even if you lack the power to "get back" at someone, you at least have the right to hate them. Naaman's servant girl put aside that right and reached out to her master in kindness. Because she obeyed God, Naaman came to faith! Our actions can have the same power today. As Christians, we can challenge the norms of our culture and reach out to our enemies with the love of Christ.

YOUR CHALLENGE:

Create an acrostic that reminds you to bless others. Write the letters BLESS down one side of a sheet of paper. Each letter is the first letter of a word or phrase that motivates you to do the right thing. For example, B could stand for "Bear with the faults of others—someone else bears with mine!" Hang the acrostic in your room as a reminder of your BLESS plan of action. When you are tempted to seek revenge or hold resentment in your heart, use your acrostic as a springboard for prayer.

POWER POINT I will bless even those who do wrong to me.

Bible Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-17

LESSON

When people seek revenge, power is often the motivating factor. Those who hurt us take away our feeling of control over our lives. Yet as Christians, we serve a God who has all power, and one of His most powerful tools is kindness. Ask for His help in bringing blessing's power into tough situations.