

THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Understanding Forgiveness

Today's Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

Key Verse: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Luke 6:27

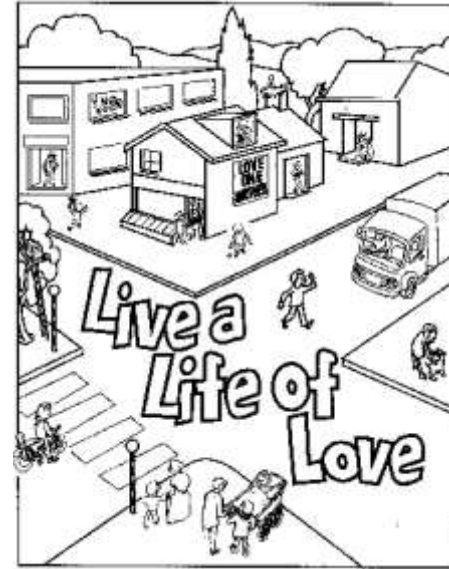
Questions to go deeper:

- This is one of the texts most often quoted of Jesus talking about loving your enemies. What do you think he meant, exactly? Who is your enemy? What prevents you from loving that person, or perhaps just not hating them? How might you move more toward love?
- In verse 32, Jesus points out that it really doesn't mean much to say you love people who love you. "Even sinners love those who love them" he says. If this is true, which it is, what is the real challenge?
- What examples does Jesus give of what it means to love your enemies? Have you done any of those things? Could you?
- Look carefully at Jesus' description of "a good measure" in verse 38. What does it refer to?

Activity possibilities:

- Coloring picture about Lent on reverse side.
- Continue working on the "Lenten Fast" paper chain, using the instructions provided in last week's lesson.
- To demonstrate verse 38 for yourself, go into the kitchen and take out a measuring cup. Put a drop of dishwasher liquid in the bottom and then fill it up slowly with warm water. Watch as it becomes sudsy and the suds start to pour out the top. Keep adding water until the water itself

is overflowing the cup. Take a moment to see in this how much it is God loves you, how much God will forgive you no matter what you have done. This sudsy water represents being cleansed by the love of God made real in Jesus.



Here is another neat video explaining Lent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAuB-3V46zk>

Enjoy!

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always happy to answer your questions and help you find more information on anything in the Bible that interests you! Catch up with her through the church or come to the Savoy Bookstore and Café any Thursday afternoon between 2-4pm.