



SUPERCHURCH 2.0

# Love Your Enemies

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**Matthew 5:44**, *“But I tell you: love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.” (NIV)*

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies.

**TO THE TEACHER:**

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies. This is hard to do.

1. Jesus loved His enemies.
2. We have God’s love in us so we can too.
3. We can reach the lost if we love our enemies.

**Jesus commanded us to love our enemies.** Admittedly this is hard to do. If somebody hurts us, we want to make them pay for what they did, but this is the wrong attitude.

**Jesus loved His enemies.** We were enemies of God, but Jesus bore our sins and died on the cross. He did this because He loved us and wanted us to miss hell and go to Heaven. Jesus prayed for the people who nailed Him to the cross. He said, “Father, forgive them for they don’t know what they do.”

We have the Agape love inside of us, so we can love our enemies just like Jesus did. How do we love our enemies? We pray for them, we feed them if they are hungry. If somebody says mean words to us we should say kind words back. It is wrong to take revenge and make people pay for hurting us. If someone sins against us we forgive them too.

**We can reach the lost if we love our enemies.** Why should we do nice things to people who are mean to us? So we can win them to Christ. People who make fun of us for being Christians don’t know what they are doing. The Bible tells us to walk in love and pray for them so they will miss hell and go to Heaven. So love your enemies, and be kind to those who are mean to you. Forgive them and pray for them.



# Love Your Enemies

## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #12
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Jesus commanded us to love our enemies.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Matthew 5:44, "But I tell you: love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Mighty Max: "Destroy My Enemies"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Overcome Evil With Good
_____	10. Short Film:	A Love Carol
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Put Out The Fire
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	

\* Short Film DVD's can be purchased separately at [superchurch.com](http://superchurch.com)

MOTION COMIC

**The  
Adventures  
of the  
Masked Hero**  
*Agape: Episode #12*

► **TO THE TEACHER:**

**Goal:** get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question **“What is the Bottom Line?”** Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question **“What is the Memory Verse?”** Again words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***Mighty Max: “Destroy My Enemies”***

- TAKE HOME POINT:** Love your enemies.
- CHARACTERS:** Mighty Max
- PROPS:** Mighty Max Costume

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**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

(Mighty Max enters)

Teacher: Hey, Mighty Max! How is the “Super Hero-ing” going?

Mighty Max: It’s going great!

Teacher: That’s good.

Mighty Max: Just the other day I rescued a kitten out of a tree.

Teacher: That is quite heroic! I’m glad it’s going good for you.

Mighty Max: Me too. Except...

Teacher: Except what?

Mighty Max: I have a little problem.

Teacher: What’s the problem?

Mighty Max: It’s just that I don’t have enemies!

Teacher: (Laughs) Well, I’d say that’s a good thing.

Mighty Max: Good thing? That’s a terrible thing!

Teacher: Why is that terrible?

Mighty Max: Who ever heard of a super hero without enemies?

Teacher: What would you even do with enemies?

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## ***Mighty Max: “Destroy My Enemies” Drama Script — Continued***

Mighty Max: I would DESTROY THEM!

Teacher: Destroy them? That sounds a little violent.

Mighty Max: It’s the whole point of being a super hero! Find some enemies and destroy them!

Teacher: I don’t think that is right.

Mighty Max: Yes it is! If I don’t destroy my enemies they will destroy me!

Teacher: But you don’t have any enemies.

Mighty Max: See! That’s the problem!

Teacher: Even if you had enemies, it’s not good to destroy them.

Mighty Max: If I am not supposed to destroy them, what do I do to my enemies?

Teacher: The Bible says that we are supposed to love our enemies.

Mighty Max: Yuck! I am not a wimpy hero!

Teacher: Mighty Max, loving your enemies is not wimpy.

Mighty Max: Obviously you don’t understand what it means to be a super hero, so let me lay it out for you.

Teacher: Ok...

Mighty Max: When you are a super hero, you fight crime. When you defeat the crime, enemies come after you. Does that make sense?

Teacher: I guess...

Mighty Max: Then when the enemies come after you, you destroy them. Once they are destroyed, you become more famous! The more enemies you defeat, the more famous you get!

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## ***Mighty Max: "Destroy My Enemies" Drama Script — Continued***

- Teacher: That sounds a little backwards.
- Mighty Max: What do you mean?
- Teacher: Being a hero isn't about getting famous, and destroying your enemies is not the right thing to do.
- Mighty Max: So what is it all about, Mr. Wise Guy?
- Teacher: Being a hero is about justice! When something bad is happening to someone, you help make it right.
- Mighty Max: And sometimes that makes enemies! Enemies that need to be destroyed!
- Teacher: Yes, sometimes we have enemies, but we are not supposed to destroy them. We are supposed to love them and pray for them.
- Mighty Max: Ugh! That's not justice!
- Teacher: When we love our enemies, it shows them the love of God.
- Mighty Max: But they are enemies! Are you sure God even loves them?
- Teacher: Yes! God loves our enemies. God loved the whole world so much that He gave His only Son for them.
- Mighty Max: Are you sure that He really loved the whole world, and not just the good guys?
- Teacher: I'm sure that God loves everyone.
- Mighty Max: So I can't destroy my enemies?
- Teacher: No.
- Mighty Max: Not even just a little bit?
- Teacher: No.
- Mighty Max: Oh man! But destroying things is so much fun!

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## ***Mighty Max: “Destroy My Enemies” Drama Script — Continued***

Teacher: I have some tall weeds in my flowerbed that need to be destroyed.

Mighty Max: I think I’m going to go destroy some crime.

Teacher: (Gives Mighty Max a worried look)

Mighty Max: Don’t worry. I won’t destroy my enemies.

(Mighty Max “flies” out of the classroom)

**THE END**



**OBJECT LESSON**

***Overcome Evil With Good***

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

Romans 12:20

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

Good deeds overcome evil ones.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

Package of Junior Mints  
Bottle of Coke  
Glass with Ice

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- You can buy small boxes of Junior Mints to hand out to the kids after class.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

Do you have any enemies? Has somebody ever hurt you so badly that you wanted to make them pay? The Bible tells us to never take revenge.

Read Romans 12: 20-21 to the class, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this you will heap coals of shame upon their heads. Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. (NLT)

In this passage of scripture, God tells us how to win over evil and how to help the evildoers!

First, He tells us not to repay evil deeds to someone who did evil to you. Many boys and girls fight back with those who do things to them. If they get hit, they hit back. If someone calls them a name, they call them a name back. But God says don't do this!

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## ***Overcome Evil With Love Object Lesson — continued***

God says (hold up the Junior Mints) if your enemy is hungry, feed him.  
(Begin to pass out the Junior Mints as you teach and tell a story.)

If your enemy is thirsty (hold up the bottle of Coke and pour it into the glass with ice), fix him something to drink.

Why? To show them the love of God! When they see the love of God, they will become believers instead of evildoers. And when they become believers, they'll stop doing evil to you and everyone else. So don't let evil overcome you. You can overcome the evil with good and the devil will lose another soul.

So, love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you. What does persecute mean? It means "make fun of." Has anyone ever made fun of you because you obey the Bible or go to church? What should you do? You did the right thing but people made fun of you. Well, you pray for them.

**INTER-ACTIVE  
OBJECT LESSON*****Put Out The Fire***

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** You can put out a fire with your words.
- **WHAT YOU NEED:**
- 1 large candle
  - Matches
  - Squirt gun
  - Empty gasoline can
- **PREPARATION:** 4 Contestants
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
- Light the candle and place it on a table in front of the class.
  - Have each Contestant stand 3 feet away from the candle.
  - Have a contest to see how many squirts it takes to put the flame out.
  - The winner is the Contestant who puts out the flame with the least amount of squirts.

**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

Fire is one of the most powerful forces in the world, but water is stronger than fire. No matter how big a fire gets, you can always put it out if you have enough water. Just like we put this fire out, kind words will stop a hot temper. Can you think of a time when somebody was really angry with you and they said some mean words? Maybe someone said, "I hate you!" Does that hurt when someone says that? Of course it does. What do you want to do when somebody yells at you? Most of us want to yell back, but that is like pouring gasoline on the fire. (Pick up the empty gas can and pretend to pour it on the flame.) If someone is yelling at you, don't yell back. Do what the Bible says, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger." Don't yell, say something nice and put out the fire.



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Matthew 5:44 says to “Love your enemies and \_\_\_\_.”
  - a. buy them some pie
  - b. pray for those that persecute you**
  - c. pray for your friends
  - d. unless they are really mean
2. What does persecute mean?
  - a. It’s a fancy word for a new kind of purse
  - b. To make fun of someone who is a Christian**
  - c. To electrocute
  - d. To be really nice
3. How did Jesus love His enemies?
  - a. He died for them
  - b. He bore their sins
  - c. He prayed, “Father forgive them”
  - d. All of the above**
4. Why should we love people who are mean to us?
  - a. God the Father loves them (they are His lost sheep)
  - b. They need Jesus too
  - c. We can reach the lost if we walk in love
  - d. All of the above**
5. The Bible says, “Love takes no account \_\_\_\_”
  - a. of the evil done to it**
  - b. of how much candy you eat
  - c. of how much money I owe
  - d. of how many toys I have



# Love Your Enemies

## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### **Mighty Max: "Destroy My Enemies"** — Pages 4-7

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Mighty Max

### **Object Lesson: Overcome Evil With Good** — Pages 8-9

\_\_\_\_\_ Package of Junior Mints

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle of Coke

\_\_\_\_\_ Glass with Ice

### **Inter-Active Lesson: Put Out The Fire** — Page 10

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 large candle

\_\_\_\_\_ Matches

\_\_\_\_\_ Squirt gun

\_\_\_\_\_ Empty gasoline can

### **Small Group Club: Man's Best Friend**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pictures of Cats and Dogs (or bring in pets)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### **Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids**

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### **FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:**

- *Junior Mints* (We suggest if you have the resources to purchase enough cookies to give the children.)

# SPECIAL EDITION

## *Pastoring Your Kids*

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### PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

**1**

Sunday

**CHURCH TIME**

**2**

Monday or Tuesday

**BIBLE TIME**

**3**

Thursday or Friday

**FAMILY TIME**

WEEK 12

**AGAPE**

**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES**

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

**Matthew 5:44**, "But I tell you: love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

### **BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies.

## 2. BIBLE TIME

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### READ:

- John 15:12
- Matthew 5:44

### MAIN POINT:

*The way the world treats an enemy is to get revenge and to be mean back. Jesus tells us to do exactly the opposite! He wants us to walk in love with our enemies and to pray for them. If we do what Jesus says, He can help the situation and change the heart of our enemy.*

### DISCUSS:

- Most people have had an enemy at some point in their lives.
- It could be a bully at school or someone who makes fun of you for being a Christian.
- The Bible tells us to treat our enemies the opposite way the world does.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Who do you consider an enemy?
2. Have you ever had an enemy you've had to deal with at school? What did you do?
3. Do you think it's hard to walk in love and pray for your enemies?
4. Have you ever prayed for an enemy and see them change? What happened?

## 3. FAMILY TIME

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### “Jesus VS. The World”

### MAIN POINT:

*As a family you will learn how God wants us to treat our enemies.*

### WHAT YOU NEED:

Index cards, markers, and a small treat

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each person a small stack of index cards and a marker.
- You're having an “Opposites” contest. The goal of the game is to see who can think of the most opposites in 5 minutes.
- Write the opposites on the index cards, one word on one side and the opposite of that word on the other side (parents help younger children write ideas).

- At the end of the 5 minutes, everyone count up how many opposite cards they made and read all of them together. The one with the most cards wins the treat!

### DISCUSS:

- At the end of the game decide together as a family to keep strife out and keep love in.
- The Bible often tells us to do the opposite of what the world does.
- For example: to give instead of keep everything for yourself, prefer others instead of preferring yourself.
- One of the most important opposites Jesus taught is the way we treat our enemies. The world says to get revenge or to treat your enemy the way they've treated you. Jesus tells us to do the exact opposite – He says don't do back to them what they've done to you and to pray for them.
- When we involve God it will be exciting to see the “opposite” reaction you'll get from your enemies when God changes their heart.



## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### MAN'S BEST FRIEND

**PROPS NEEDED:** Pictures of cats and dogs (or bring in pets)

#### LESSON:

- How many of you have a dog?  
How many have a cat?
- (Allow them to respond by going around the circle and giving them a chance to say if they have a cat or dog and the name)
- What's the difference between cats and dogs? Usually, cats and dogs don't like each other.
- Have you ever heard the saying, "They were fighting like cats and dogs!"? It's a saying grown ups use when they are describing people that are arguing or fighting.
- Cats and dogs are very different. It seems like most people either like dogs better or like cats better.
- Let's vote – which do you like better? There is an important thing that makes dogs different than cats. Dogs love you no matter what. Even if you are mean to them, they will still love you and try to lick you and will be happy to see you!
- Cats usually just lie around the house and ignore you.

#### PUT INTO PRACTICE:

- We should take a lesson from dogs.
- Jesus told us in the Bible to love our enemies and to pray for them.
- If you have someone you don't get along with or someone who is mean to you there are two things you should do.
- First, don't treat them badly (continue to be nice).
- Second, pray for them.
- Think about someone you think might be your enemy.
- Decide to pray for that person and then go out of your way to do something nice for them.

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is an enemy?
2. What does Jesus tell us to do to our enemies?
3. Do you think it's hard to do what Jesus said?
4. Have you ever had an enemy you prayed for? What happened?



LESSON  
**12**

Super Church 2.0 Small Group Notes

## SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

## AGAPE LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

#### MEMORY VERSE:

**Matthew 5:44**, "But I tell you: love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

#### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies.



## 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

### ICE BREAKER Questions:

#### Question #18:

- Who is your best friend?
- Why are they your best friend?

#### Question #321:

- If you could be an animal, what would you be?
- Why?

### ICE BREAKER Game:

#### The Name Game

- Have children sit in a circle.
- Pick a child to start and have him/her choose a word that starts with the same letter as his/her name (For example: Tiny Travis).
- The next child should repeat what the first child said, and then add his/her own word and name (For example: this is Tiny Tim and I am Silly Sara).
- Each child will add another name and word and keep going until the end of the circle.
- The leader gets to name the entire group!

## 2. BIBLE Time

### READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: A Friend & A Spear (pages 59 & 60 and pages 63 & 64)*

*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: 1 Samuel 18 & 19, 1 Samuel 24*

- Have each child read one verse out loud. Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

### BIBLE STORY:

*David & The King*

### BIBLE CONNECTION:

*Before David was King he used to play his harp for King Saul. The King loved listening to David play, it made him feel good. As David grew older King Saul began to dislike him very much, in fact he even tried to kill him. David hid from the King for years and God protected him. His friends told David that he should just kill King Saul because of how he had treated him. David refused to take revenge against his enemy and trusted God. He obeyed what God wanted him to do and didn't try to get him back for how badly he was treated.*

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What did David do for King Saul? (played the harp for him)
2. Did King Saul always like David? (no as David got older he began to hate him)
3. What did King Saul try to do to David? (kill him)
4. What did David do to King Saul, his enemy? (nothing)
5. Why did God bless David? (because he loved his enemy instead of getting revenge)

**POINT TO MAKE:** *When King Saul died, David became the king. The Lord blessed him because he loved his enemy instead of getting revenge.*



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**CRYPTOGRAM**

*Help Cape Girl solve the mystery of why we need to love our enemies!*

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ANSWER

NAME

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