

# FAMILY DEVOTION!

## “Love Your Enemies!”



“I Will Love And Pray For My Enemies!”



“But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!” - Matthew 5:44

This week, we continue the series called, “Ouch!”. This week, we learn through the story of Ananias and Saul how to treat the people whom we consider our “enemies.” It’s not about hate and revenge. It is about love and prayer. Jesus taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. It isn’t always easy, but it is always worth it.

### **Read:**

Acts 9:1-21

### **Ask:**

- Who was Saul? Were Saul and Ananias friends before this story?
- Did it make sense for Ananias to pray for Saul?
- What do you think would have happened if Ananias hadn’t obeyed God?

### **Say:**

We all have enemies. Whether it is the person who continually talks behind our back, the person who insults us at every turn, or the bully who picks on us at school (or work), we all have those we would consider our “enemies.”

Most people would assume that the way to handle enemies is by fighting back. In the natural way of thinking, we should try to “hit them where it hurts” and possibly even “strike before they do.” But, that is not the way Jesus taught us to handle our enemies.

### **Ask/Discuss:**

- How does Jesus want us to handle our enemies? Is this how you handle your enemies?
- How could you treat your enemies differently?

### **Pray:**

Lead your child in a prayer for those they consider their enemies. Pray that God will change their hearts. Pray that God will use your child to be a light to those who are living in darkness.