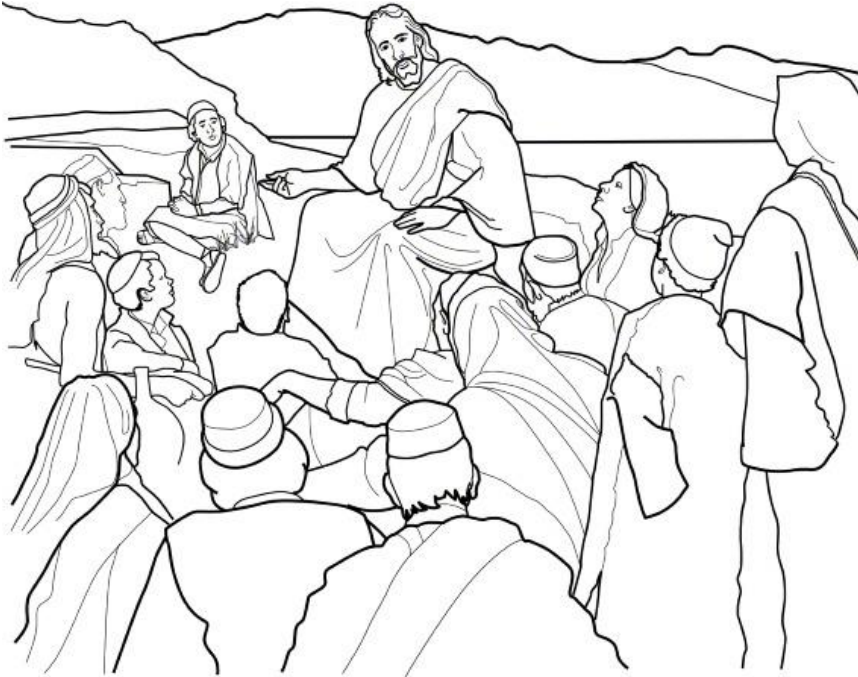


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Lesson: LOVING ENEMIES

Reference: Matthew 5:43-48

Point: Pray for help to love those who hate you and hurt you



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Love your enemies
Matt 5:44

Memory verse: Matthew 5:3

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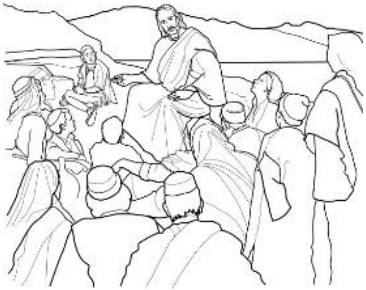
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Find the full story in Matthew 5:43-48

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When we love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us, then we are children of God. He gives rain and sunshine to both the good and evil (bad) people. Jesus himself, when he died, died even for people who hated him. He prayed for those who were crucifying him and asked God to forgive them. Jesus' followers should love all, just as God loved all in sending his son to die for those who hated him.



Jesus told his disciples to be perfect just as God is perfect. This is impossible to do without Jesus' help. So we have to depend on Jesus to help us love our enemies and to be perfect.



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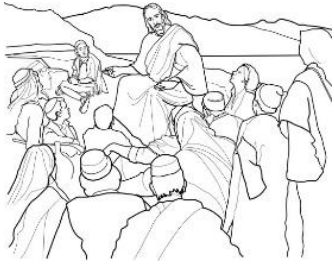
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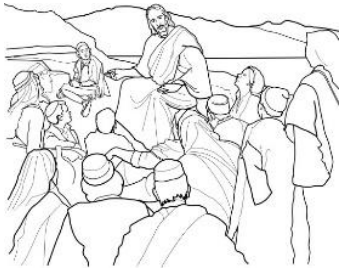
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Why should we love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us?
(Matthew 5:45)

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