

**Kidz World's  
Church at Home  
'REAL LOVE' – It's Too Hard!!**

**FUN TIME: “Scratchy Sandpaper”**

**What You Need:** A piece of sandpaper or something else scratchy (like a scouring pad, hair brush, nail file).

**What You Will Do:** *Pass around a piece of rough sandpaper so everyone can see and feel how scratchy it is. Say, “Some of the people we know are kind of like sandpaper. They can be a little rough and hard to get along with. Their words, actions, and personalities might seem “scratchy” to us, and may hurt our feelings or make us mad. But we learned God loves everyone, and that we can also show God's love to everyone by being kind. “Everyone” includes our sandpaper friends. While it's definitely challenging to do so, we can show God's love to them, especially through kindness.*

**BIBLE TIME:**

Today, we're continuing to talk about God's love. God's love is something you can't keep to yourself, but sometimes it can be super hard to love people who are just not nice. People we may call our enemies are still people that God commands us to love. Let's take a look in our Bible story today at another lesson Jesus taught about showing God's love, even when it's hard.

**READ: Matthew 5:40-48**

*Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.*

1. What does Jesus say about how we should treat our enemies?
2. How does loving our enemies show we are God's children?
3. Should we love only those who are kind to us? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think God wants us to love our enemies?

**REAL TIME: We can show God's even when it's hard.** Most of the time, it's easier to love our friends and family than it is to love the people that we see as our enemies. But God actually loves your enemies just as much as God loves you, which means we should love them, too. Even though it's hard, you can show God's love!

**Read Romans 12:21 (NLT).** Can you think of a time when someone was unkind or unfair to you? How did that make you feel? How did you handle it? Sometimes, our 1<sup>st</sup> reaction to someone who treats us badly is to treat them the same way. But once again, the Bible tells us the best thing to do is show kindness instead. Fighting meanness with more meanness will only make things worse. You will not win anything good. The real victory comes when you choose to show love to those who, in your opinion, don't deserve your kindness. That is exactly what God did for us - God showed us love by sending Jesus to save us when we didn't deserve saving at all! Jesus won the victory for us. That's why we should also love everyone - even our enemies - even when it's hard. Let's pray and ask God to help us do that.

**PRAYER TIME:** “Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus and showing us how much You love us, no matter what. Help us to show Your love to everyone - including our enemies - even when it's hard.

In Jesus' Name, amen!"

*"Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good." ~ Romans 12:21(NLT)*