

Enemies

Word Forms:

- enemy (n) People who do things to hurt us are our enemies.

Related Words:

- foe (n) Are you a friend or a foe?
- opponent (n) Who is your first opponent in the ping pong tournament?
- fight (v) Enemies often fight each other.
- oppose (v) John wants to buy a car, but his wife opposes the idea.
- hate (v) Most people hate their enemies.
- hostile (adj) People who are hostile to us are our enemies.
- against (prep) People who do things against us are our enemies.
 Who is the first person you're playing against in the ping pong tournament?

- friend (n) A person who likes you and helps you is your friend.

Exercises:

1. I hope you have more _____ than _____.
2. Sometimes countries _____ each other in wars.
3. It's scary to be near a _____ crowd of people.

Questions:

1. Describe one person who is or was your enemy.
2. How do you / did you feel toward that person?
3. Have you ever tried to be kind toward one of your enemies? If so, what happened?

Bible Readings:

1. Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44, NIV)
2. "Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God." (James 4:4, NIV)
3. "Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This demonstrates God's love for us...The death of his Son restored our relationship with God while we were still his enemies." (Romans 5:10, God's Word)
4. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:26, 57, NIV)

Questions:

1. How did Jesus say we should treat our enemies? (reading 1)
2. Why were we God's enemies? (readings 2 & 3)
3. How has our relationship with God been restored? (reading 3)
4. Since God loved us--his enemies--do you think we are now able to love our enemies also?

5. What is our last enemy? How has God given us the victory over this terrible enemy? (reading 4)