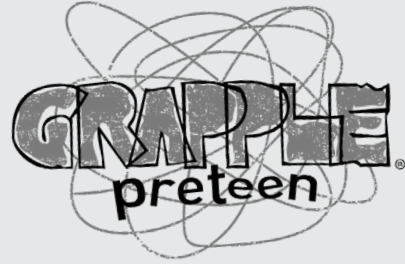


Grapple Parent Page

Grapple Question:

What if Someone Hates Me?



Kids Learn:

Loving Your Enemies

Dig Into the Bible:

Exodus 23:4-5; Psalms 18:37-40; 27:1-5; Proverbs 24:17-18; 25:21; Matthew 5:43-47

God calls us to love our enemies, but what if they're hurting us? If your child is being bullied, this is not a time to "turn the other cheek." Bullying is a major problem among preteens today, and using the Internet or a cellphone to bully others is on the rise. Talk to your preteen about the dangers associated with bullies. Encourage your child to save threatening emails or text messages to show you, and place your computer in a high-traffic part of your home to help you monitor what's going on. If your child is on the receiving end of cruel jokes or mean emails, contact the bullying child's parents or school authorities to put an end to it.