

# Overcome Evil with Good

"When we are kind and merciful,  
God wins!"

Sometimes people are mean. How should we respond to them? Instead of being as nasty to them as they were to you (or even try to be nastier!), try being kind and merciful. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good!



If we are as mean to other people as they are to us, that might seem like it's fair (it might actually be!), but that doesn't mean that it's good. Our battle is not against mean people, it's against Satan and the spiritual forces of evil. And the only way to win is to not play their game. When you show love and kindness to those who have been unkind to you, God wins, and we're on God's team so we win too! Unkindness only leads to more unkindness. When we overcome evil with good, we can break the cycle of anger and hatred. Every time you show love to someone who was mean to you, you're winning a victory for Jesus!

## Family Time Questions

- Why does it seem like it's OK to be mean to people who are mean to you?
- What happens when we are mean to people who are mean to us?
- What are some ways that you can show kindness to the unkind?

## Bible Verses

- **Ephesians 6:12** | We are in a spiritual battle between good and evil.
- **Ephesians 4:32** | God calls us to be kind to others.
- **1 Peter 3:9** | Even when someone is mean, be kind in return.
- **Romans 12:17-21** | Overcome evil with good.

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for your kindness and mercy. Help me to show love and kindness to others, even when they are mean to me. In Jesus' name, Amen.