



FAMILY BIBLE NIGHT

CENTERING YOUR FAMILY TIME AROUND THE FIREPLACE OF GOD'S WORD

WHAT YOU NEED:

* Ingredients for your favorite cookie recipe (doubled)

* Disposable containers to put cookies in

*Cards

DEVOTION

Do you have any enemies? Has anyone ever hurt your feelings? Did you forgive them even if they didn't apologize? God wants us to forgive even our worst enemies because that is what God does when He forgives those who have disobeyed and dishonored Him. Have you ever disobeyed God? God has forgiven us so much, so we must never refuse to forgive others. Our sin against God is a far greater evil than any wrong others might do to us.

Read Luke 6:27-31 and Matthew 6:14-15 then answer the following questions:

- Is it possible to love your enemies without forgiving them?
- What are some ways you can show love to your enemies or people who hate you?
- Who do you need to forgive, so that you may also be forgiven? Take turns sharing as a family who you need to forgive and why.

Finally, spend some time praying as a family for your enemies. Pray that God will help you have a forgiving spirit. Pray that God will give you courage to speak to your enemy and show His love to them.

ACTIVITY

This activity is meant to be challenging. Support each other through this process and turn to God when you are struggling. The end goal is for each family member to give cookies and a card to someone they need to forgive, or someone that dislikes them. This is one way we can show God's love.

Make a double batch of your favorite cookies. Divide them up in the number of containers needed so that each family member gets one to give.

Have each person write a card to the person they are giving the cookies to.

Deliver the gifts. Encourage each other throughout this process, it may be difficult, but in the end, it is what God wants you to do!