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Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING
WITH ME EVEN
THOUGH I WAS
MEAN TO YOU?

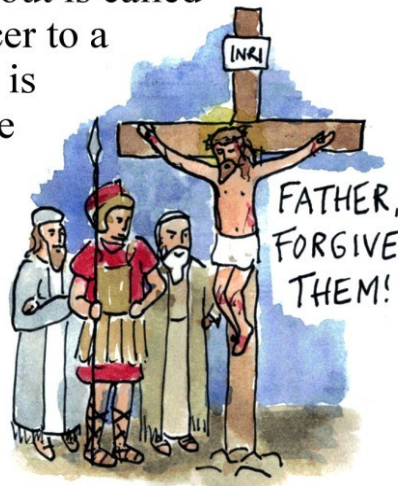


In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that

person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



Answer to Word-Find: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
Answer to Front page: BE MERCIFUL

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What was Jesus telling us to do in
today's Gospel reading?
Use the numbers to help unscramble
the letters!

David and King Saul Word-Find

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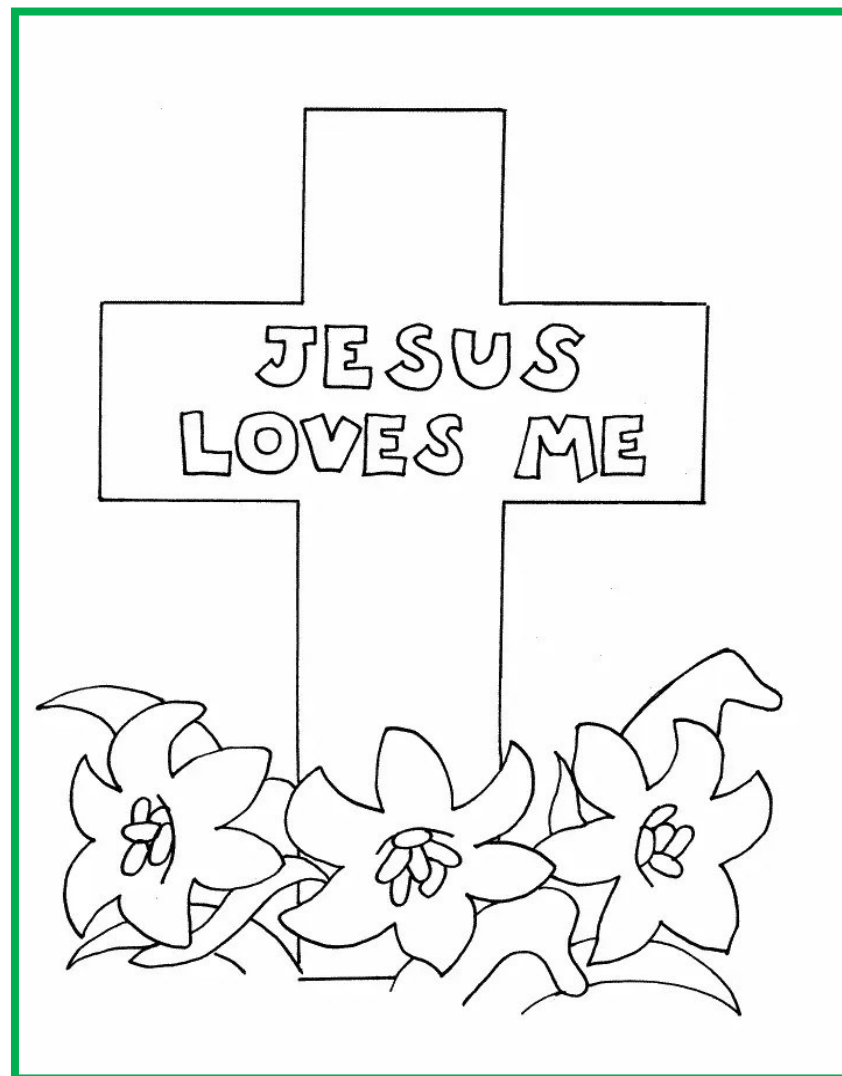
*See if you can
find all the words
in CAPITALS in
this story of
David and
King Saul.*

*Use the leftover
letters to fill in
the blanks at
the end.*

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



In our Gospel today Jesus tells us to love everyone. Can you colour in the picture, reminding us that Jesus loves you?



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