

# Tonight's

God, the 'just Judge' is always fair! Here's a common symbol of 'justice' and it appears on every page of the worksheet: see if you can spot it on each page!



passage – Romans 12.<sup>17-21</sup>

theme – **Revenge ...?**

## David & Saul

*King Saul was jealous of David and treated him unfairly: he even tried to kill him. David had the chance to kill him but refused to take matters into his own hands: he left it to God to deal with Saul.*

*Read the story for yourself in **1 Samuel 24**, then – colour in the pictures below*



Read  
**Romans 12**  
verses 17-21

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace with everyone.**

19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written:

'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

20 On the contrary:

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# live at peace

with everyone



Everyone wants peace! But it can be hard sometimes to live at peace with others around us.

Especially if they've been nasty to us and have treated us unfairly!

Paul wanted the believers at Rome to learn how best to react when people treated them badly.

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He gave them 3 **DON'T**s.

Write out what those 3 instructions were by filling in the missing letters in the boxes below.

**DON'T**



1. \_\_\_\_\_ one

\_\_\_\_\_ for e \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ eve \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ me

by e \_\_\_\_\_



# 1. don't

# retaliate

That's the first instruction Paul gave. Simple!

At least, it's simple to say – it's not always so simple to do!



If a friend starts calling you names and slagging you off, your instinct is to do the same back!

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Read verses 17 and 18 again – what should you do instead?

**“Be careful to \_ \_**

**is \_ \_ \_ \_**

**in the \_ \_ \_ \_ of**

**”**  
**\_ \_ \_ \_ \_**

Read

## Romans 12

verses 17-18

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

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# 2. leave it to the Lord

Read

## Romans 12

verses 19

<sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

The Lord is much better than we are at dealing with people who've treated us unfairly! Trust Him to sort things out.

Look up **1 Peter 2.23** to see the example of Jesus.





# Mordecai & Haman



The story of Mordecai and Haman is told in the book of **Esther**: it shows how good God is at dealing *justly* with people who treat us *wrongly*.

Haman treated Mordecai badly and planned to get rid of him: what happened instead was that God got rid of Haman!

## God is the Judge of all the earth and He always judges justly!

### 3. goodness always wins!

Read

**Romans 12**  
verses 20-21

#### How do you overcome evil with good?

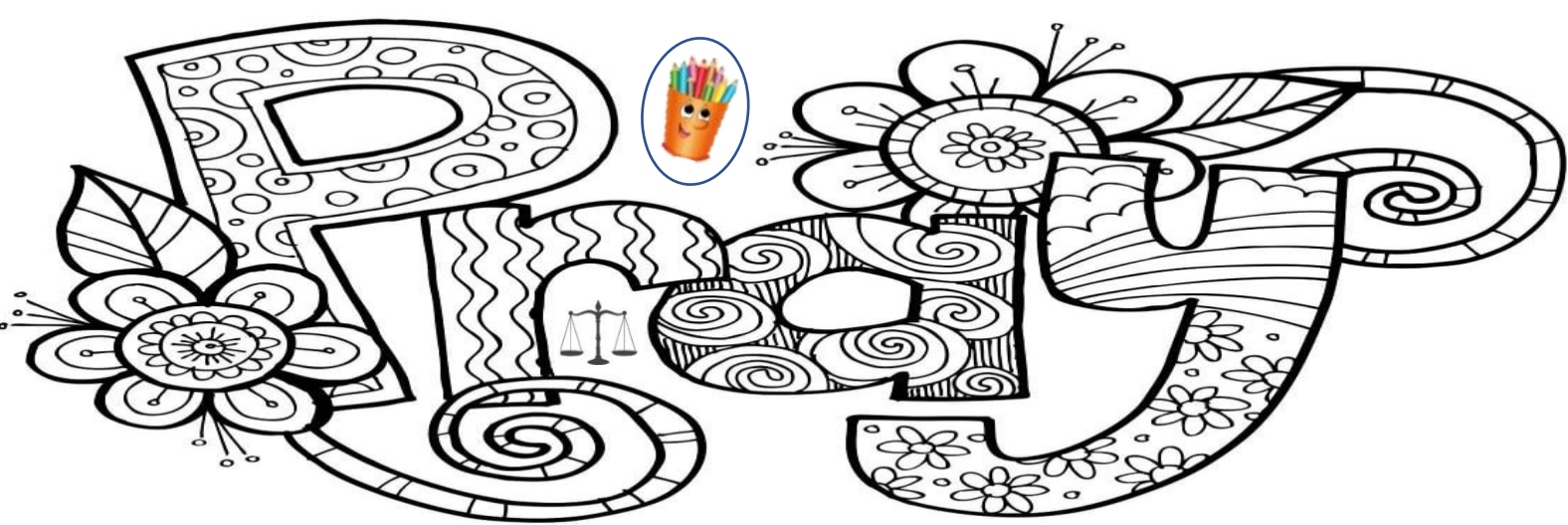
The way to deal with people who are nasty to us is not to be nasty back, but instead to be kind: to do them good.

That's how God is with us after all! **"He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked"** (Luke 6.35) – and instead of hitting back at us when we rebelled against Him, He sent His Son to pay the price of our sin and wrongdoing.

Good wins!



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*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

Lord Jesus, thank You for being so patient with me!

I'm sorry that I get things wrong so often. Thank You that You've made it possible for me to be forgiven for all my sins.

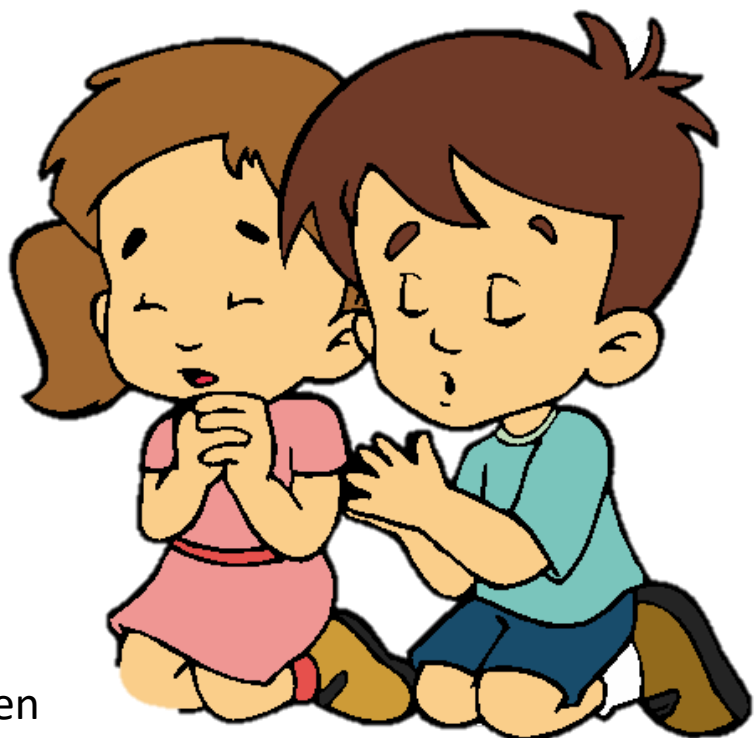
You're amazingly kind!

Help me to remember always how kind You have been to me, so that I'll be kind to others around me when they annoy me or upset me or hurt me.

It's not easy to be nice to others when they're being nasty to me, not easy to be kind when they're being cruel!

I need You to help me all the time if I'm to show Your kindness to others.

And I'm glad that I can safely leave it to You to deal justly with those who've been treating others badly. You're the best!



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!



# A WORDSEARCH ..

try this wordsearch which is taken from Romans 12

D G L G L O V E E N E M I E S Y K  
Q X O X D T S G I Y L N W X E C B  
B A V I F I I N J P E E B L C C L  
E M E B F Y H M A R H Z C T B J E  
J X O Q W O R K H A R D O F D H O  
O B T I F L R O Q Y S K H R C A V  
Y E H V A G Q C T K D Z Y U N T B  
F K E Z S H I R F P Z E I A U E P  
U I R P B C X C A A M Q L D K E M  
L N S V I S U G P T X O T E S V H  
S D I Y O Q R I N I M I C B D I I  
I P U H P T F V S E U S J O M L Y  
Y Z R F A X P E F N R Q R J C B S  
J H E U B A L K T T L E F A L O D  
G O T H E R S F I R S T T D B X E  
Y U A W M K N Z S Z L F E D O S B  
H J O S O B G S E R V E G O D I U

Love Enemies

Patient

Work Hard

Be Kind

Give

Be Joyful

Others First

Love Others

Pray

Serve God

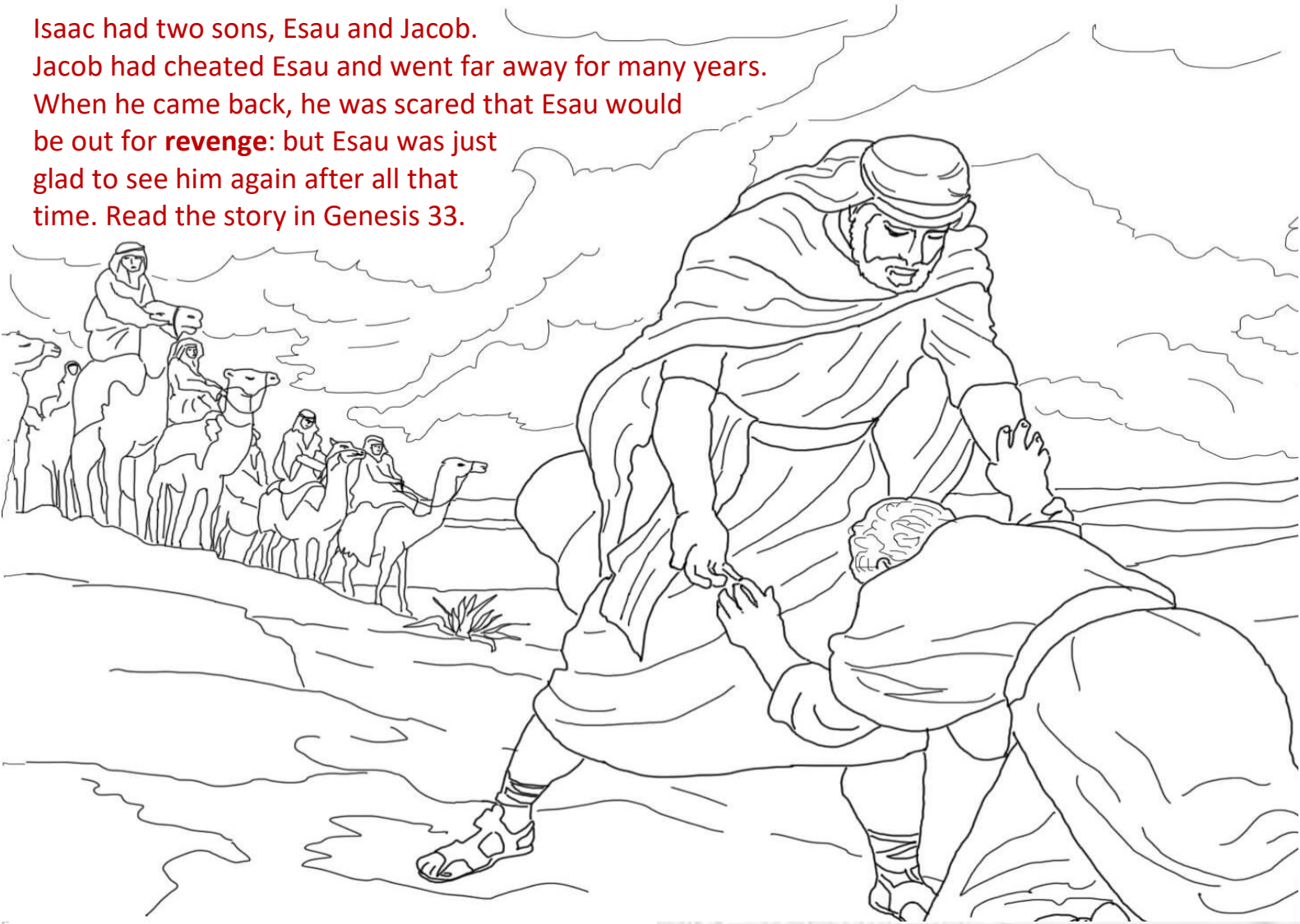
Hate Evil





# COLOUR in the pictures

Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob.  
Jacob had cheated Esau and went far away for many years.  
When he came back, he was scared that Esau would be out for **revenge**: but Esau was just glad to see him again after all that time. Read the story in Genesis 33.



Esau came to greet Jacob. And he wasn't angry! He hugged Jacob, and wept for joy to see his brother come home at last.

