

# WEEK 2

## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

# HOW TO...

### BIG IDEA

Jesus taught us how to love our enemies.

### BIBLE

**Love Your Enemies:** Matthew 5:43-48;  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

## QUESTIONS

- In addition to loving our neighbors, who does Jesus say to love?
- Why do you think Jesus wants us to not only love people who love us back?
- Read Matthew 5:48. Do you think Jesus really expects us to be perfect? What do you think Jesus means by this?
- Read Deuteronomy 30:16. How do you think this command to love God relates to loving our enemies?
- What can you do when you're finding it hard to love someone in the moment?
- What is something that can remind you to love your enemies every day?
- Think about someone who might have been unkind to you this past week. What is one way you can choose to love that person this week?

## ACTIVITY

Have kids decorate the printable then tape the ends of their string to the back of it to create a hanger. Glue eight jumbo sticks horizontally to the back of the printable. The kids can paint the sticks at this time, using a thin layer of paint so it dries quicker. While the glue and paint dry, have them start coloring their mini sticks with the markers. Then, have kids lay out their mini sticks to form the letters LOVE, then glue them down and decorate. Scan QR code to see an example of the finished product.



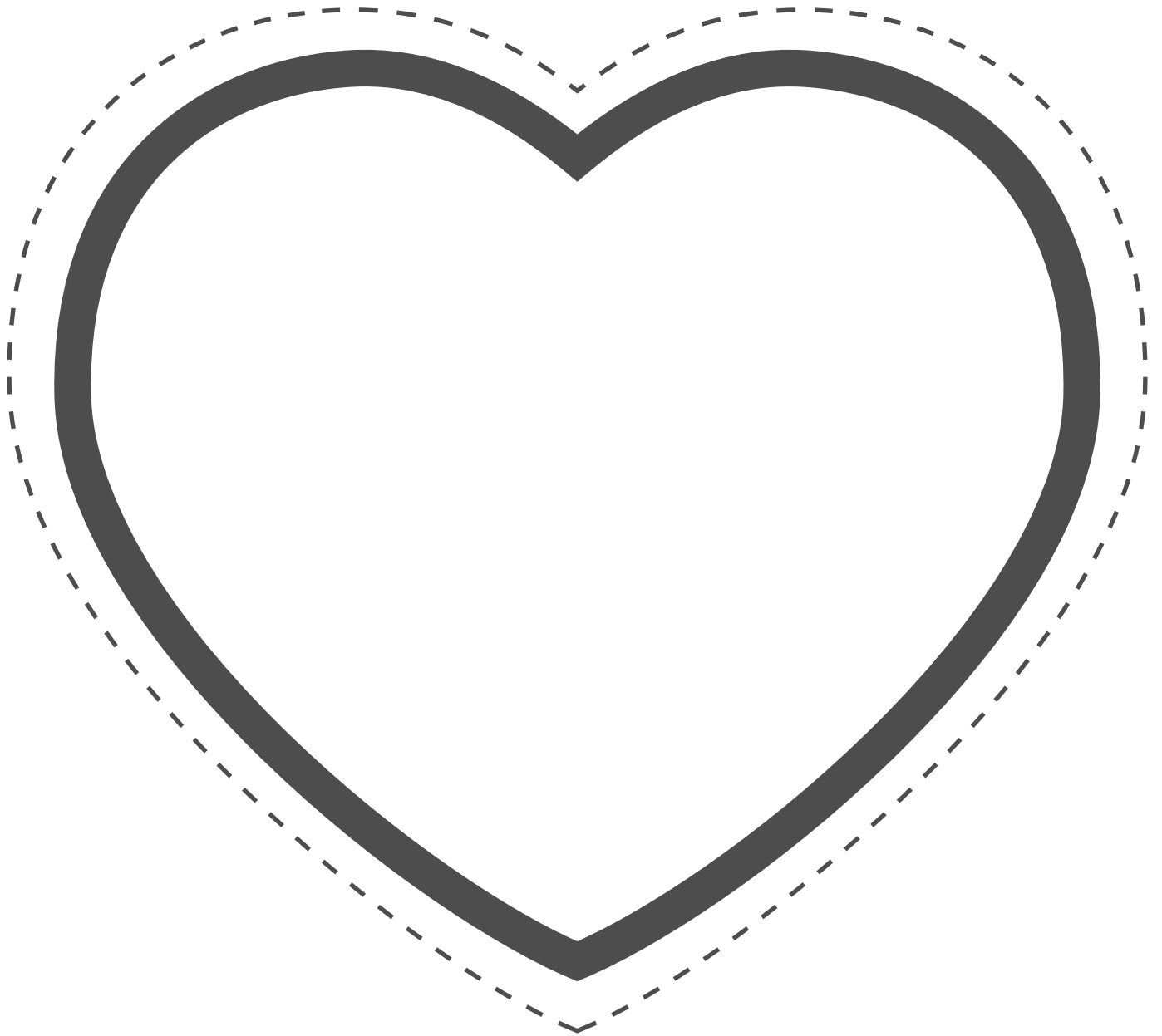
With God's help, we can learn how to better love those around us . . . especially our enemies!

When you take your craft home today, **where is somewhere you can place it to remind you to love everyone around you?**

**MEMORY VERSE:** "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

— John 13:15 (NIV)

[Click here](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!



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