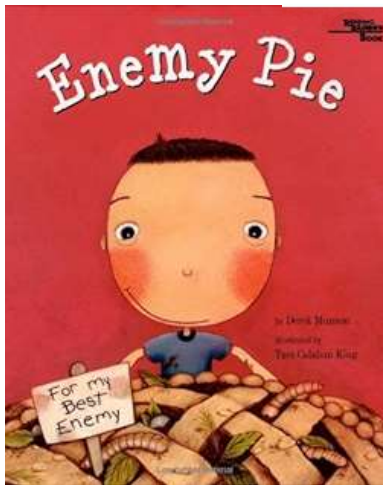


Sunday Storytellers



Enemy Pie

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Summary: “It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie. But part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy! *Enemy Pie* serves up a sweet lesson in the difficulties and ultimate rewards of making new friends.”

Sunday Morning...

Welcome & ‘Round the Room – Everyone share their name and favorite kind of pie. Once everyone has introduced themselves, can anyone remember the names of everyone in the circle? Can they remember all of the favorite pies?!

Activity First? – If you want to try the mini-pie recipe (see below), do that with the children before you start the lesson. Then have an adult helper put the mini-pies into the oven (preheated to 375°) and take them out 15 – 17 minutes later. They will also need a little time to cool.

Opening Thoughts

Pose one or both of these questions; use a whiteboard/flip-chart page record the responses:

- What can you do to be a good friend? [Write “**To be a friend, I can...**”]
- When you are around a friend, how do you feel? [Write “**When I’m around my friend, I feel...**”]

Read the book!

Let’s read ‘Enemy Pie’ to see how one boy makes a friend. [Read the book “librarian style,” with the pictures out to the children. Make sure every child has a chance to look at the pictures before turning the page.]

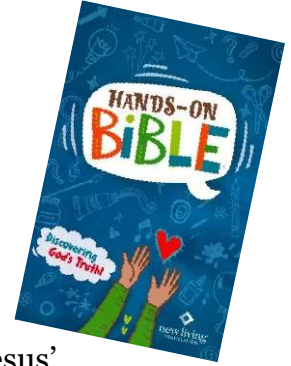
Wondering questions

- The boys start out as enemies in this book... how do they become friends?
- I wonder how Jesus treated his enemies?

Hands-On Bible

Pass out Bibles. Say something like:

- We are going to find a passage of the Bible to see how Jesus would like us to treat our enemies. How do we find something in the Bible?!
- Go to the Table of Contents
- The Bible is divided into two big sections; do you know what those are? (Old Testament/New Testament) The Old Testament is the old stories - before Jesus' life. The New Testament is the story of Jesus' life and teachings.
- There were four people who told the story of Jesus' life in the New Testament and they are: Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- Let's find the Book of Matthew – what page does that book start on?
- Now find Chapter 5 – see the big numbers in blue at the top of the page?
- The tiny numbers in the text tell you the verse and we are looking for verse 43...
- Will someone read that paragraph aloud? (stop after verse 45)



Matthew 5:43-45

[Jesus said:]

43 “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. 44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.

Do you think it's possible to love your enemy? Why does Jesus say that this is what we should do?

Activity or Craft

- **Activity:** Make a (real!) mini-pie or two!

Ingredients

1 or 2 store-bought pie crusts
Canned pie filling

Rolling pin
Cookie cutters, round and mini shapes



Steps – [Let the children do as much of the work as possible!]

1. Grease a mini-muffin tin
2. Unroll the pie crust and place it on a piece of waxed paper. Cut out 2 1/2” circles with a rim of a glass or cookie cutter
3. Press each dough circle into the bottom of the muffin tin, leaving a tiny rim of dough sticking out at the top.

4. Fill each mini-pie with pie filling (about 1 rounded tablespoon)
5. Roll out the remaining dough to make decorations for the top of the pies. Use mini-cookie cutters for shapes or freestyle a design.
6. Optional finishing touch: brush the mini pies with a beaten egg whisked together with a little milk (1 egg: 1 T. milk) until smooth. This will give the pies a golden-brown finish.

Adult helper: Bake at 375° for 15 – 17 minutes. Let the pies cool for just a few minutes in the pan, then carefully remove each one by running a sharp knife around the edges and popping them out of the pan

Or,

■ **Craft:** Make a Cardboard Friendship Pie...

- Use the template, below
- Light-weight cardboard
- Construction paper
- Old colorful magazines
- Glue stick/glue/mod podge
- Foam brushes to brush on mod podge

Hand out “pieces of pie” (use light-weight cardboard and cut it into the shape of a pie piece, using the template below) and have each child decorate their own. They might even add the words from the “**To be a friend, I can...**” list to their pie piece, one word or phrase for each piece.

Ask them to share their piece of friendship pie with the group and then assemble it into a whole pie onto the wall/window (using blue painter’s tape to adhere) or on a large piece of paper.

Snack

If you didn’t make a mini-pie, plan to have some refreshments for the kids as they’re working on their art! Pie would do the trick :-D



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