

### **BIG IDEA**

Jesus helps us repair our relationships with others.

### **BIBLE**

Matthew 5:21–26;  
Romans 5:1–2, 12:18;  
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### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Some things can be replaced, but relationships are irreplaceable and take effort to mend. This week, we'll discover how Jesus taught that reconciling with others is as important as worshipping God—because our relationships matter to him. His words remind us that instead of holding onto anger, we should take the first step toward peace because **Jesus helps us repair our relationships with others.**

### **DISCUSSION**

- What's the wildest or funniest prank you've ever heard of?
- When it comes to pranks, are you a fan or not? Why?
- Have you ever seen a situation in which a joke or prank went too far and hurt someone? If so, what happened?
- When things get tense, how do you usually react? Do you get defensive, lash out, try to fix things, or do something else? What response do you think works best?
- In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, what do you think is the hardest thing to actually live out? Do you know anyone who does a great job of following his teachings? Who do you know that lives out these ideas well?
- How do you think it's possible to have peace in relationships, even when things are broken or reconciliation seems impossible?
- Read Romans 5:1–2. How do you think having peace with Jesus helps us have peace with others?
- Have you ever seen a broken relationship start to heal? What changed, and what steps were taken to make things better?
- When a relationship gets repaired, why might it look different than before? How can you tell what's a healthy change versus something that still needs work?
- What relationship in your life needs repair? What is one step you will take this week to allow Jesus to help you repair it?

### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18 (NIV)