

Mt. Zion Kid's Message Page: September 6th, 2023

God's Story: Matthew 5:38-45

Wonder: In chapter 5 of Matthew, which is found in the New Testament of our Bible and tells us about Jesus' life—Jesus talks about how we should treat people who aren't always the kindest to us—and it wasn't what the disciples wanted to hear. Jesus encouraged them to stick with it and continue showing love. This isn't always easy, but it is really important to Jesus that we find a way as people to live in God's peace—and that is a peace where all people are living in God's love.

Act: Try stretching out a rubber band as far as you can—how does that feel? Is it easy to hold like that? How long does it take until it feels painful—or even worse breaks? When we find ourselves far away from others that creates some tension—it can be painful and make it impossible to remember that we are all God's children. But if you bring your fingers back in with the rubber band, it'll loosen and everything will start to feel better. The more we bring people together—the easier it is to relax and share God's love. Below you have a picture of people brought together—fill in the people to make them all different as a reminder that coming together is a first step in sharing God's love.

