

Peace means proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.

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Read Colossians 1:20

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What Is Peace?

When you think of the word peace what do you think of? Maybe you think of being quiet or still. Grab a piece of paper and doodle some drawings of things that you think of when you think of peace. Try and fill as much of the page as you can.

Here is how we're defining it this month: Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. Was that in your drawings? Probably not, but what a cool way to think about peace.

Ask God to help you understand what peace truly is this week.

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Build a Bridge

This week, we learned that peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. That means we try to build a bridge with a person instead of letting something come between us. That's exactly what God did by sending Jesus to die for our sins. The cross was the bridge between us and God! Ask an adult to help you find two pieces of masking tape. Find a window or mirror and make a cross with the tape. Let this cross be a reminder to you of the bridge that God created between us so that we can have peace and a relationship with Him.

Thank God for building a bridge!

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3

Easter or Peace-ster

Have you ever thought about how Easter is a time for us to celebrate how God made peace with us? We see all throughout the Bible how God is always working to make peace with His creation. And, ultimately, God did this through Jesus, by sending Him to die for our sins so that we could have a relationship with Him. Find a quiet place and take a minute to thank God for the gift of peace that He gave us.

**Dear God,
Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to die for us so that we could have peace with you. We love you. Amen.**

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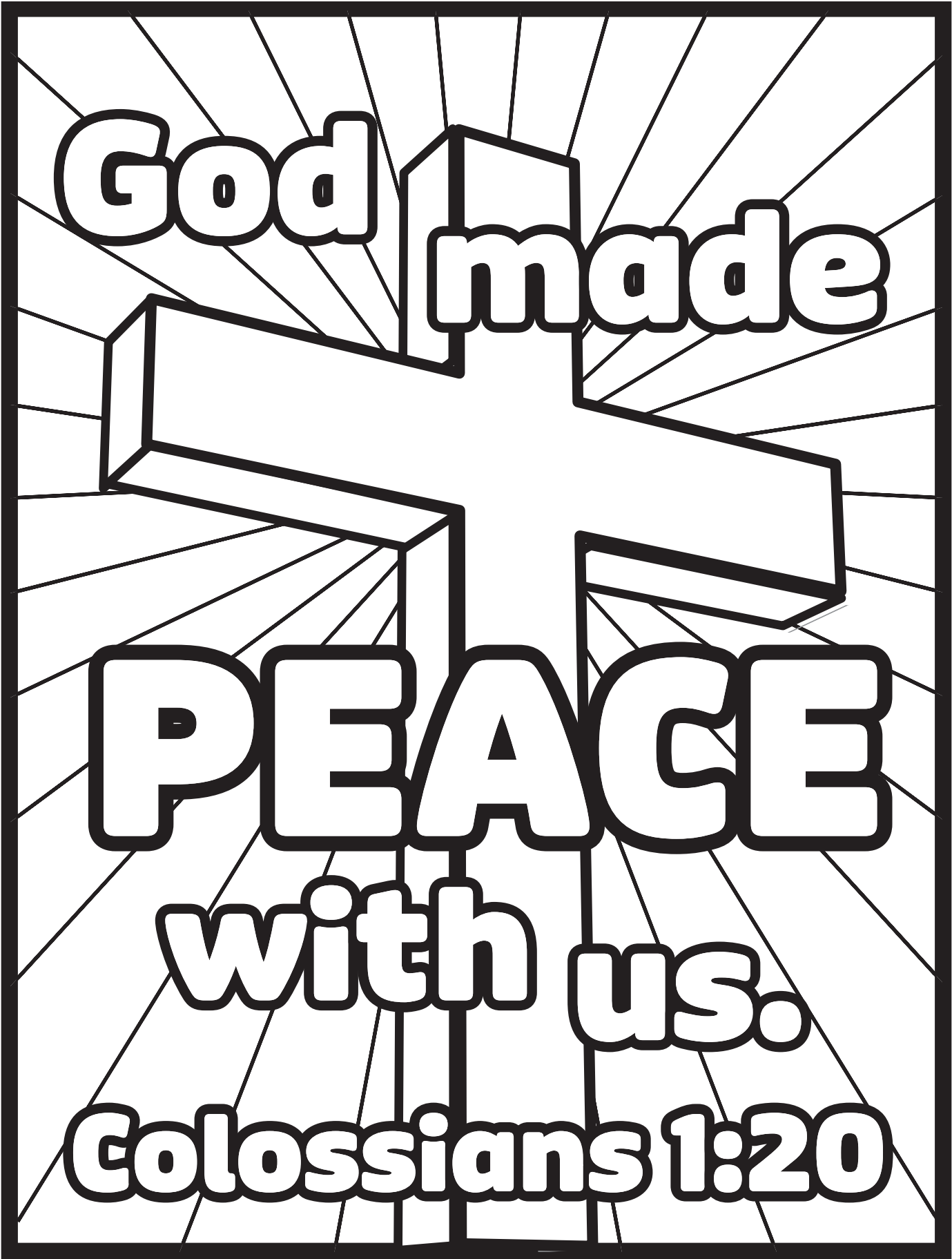
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God Made Peace

Ask an adult to help you look up Colossians 1:20 and read it together. Grab a highlighter and highlight the words, "God made peace." This verse tells us that God made peace with us through Jesus dying on the cross. What an amazing verse to remember during this season. Flip this page over and color it as you remember this!

Remember that God made peace with us!

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DAY 1

Read Colossians 1:20

This month is all about peace. Peace is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. If you think about it, that's what Easter is all about. God sent Jesus, His one and only Son, for us.

Jesus came to make things right between us and God. He took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross. And then He rose again—He came back to life—to prove that nothing could ever separate us from God when we put our trust in Jesus. Easter matters because God made peace with us.

Find a trusted adult and read the following statements below. Do you have any questions? If so, talk about them together.

- **God made us.**
- **But our friendship with God was broken by sin.**
- **God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to fix that broken relationship.**
- **When we put our trust in Jesus, we can experience peace.**

Pray with your trusted adult and ask God to help you understand His big plans to bring peace to the world and peace to you.

DAY 2

Read John 14:27

When Jesus came to earth, many hoped that He would be a leader who would rule and bring peace. And Jesus did come to bring peace, but not in the way they expected. Jesus came to bring us peace in our hearts.

God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin. That's the peace that Jesus brings. When we put our trust in Jesus and what He has done for us, we can have peace.

Draw a gift box on a separate piece of paper. Write "PEACE" on the side of your box and draw a great big bow.

Thank God for sending Jesus to bring the gift of PEACE to you in a way that only He could.

DAY 3

Read Isaiah 54:10

In the space below, write down some words that describe a mountain.

Did you include words like strong, majestic, or big in your list? When you think about mountains, you might not be picturing them the way today's verse describes. Even if the mountains were to shake or the hills disappear, God's love for us never changes. And we can know that for sure because God is bigger and stronger than any majestic mountain range. He's the one who created them in the first place.

God's covenant or promise to us is peace. It's a peace that can never be shaken or removed. God made a promise to give us peace and He kept that promise by sending Jesus.

Tell God you love Him. Then, thank Him for loving you so much that He chose to send Jesus.

DAY 4

Read Romans 5:1

$2+2=$ _____

$30+8=$ _____

$4 \times 3=$ _____

$12 \times 2=$ _____

Were any of those problems hard for you solve? Even if you needed a little help, those problems were fairly easy to solve.

Peace isn't quite so easy. When you have a conflict with someone, it's hard to see things from the other person's point of view. It's hard to stop and think, "How can we solve this problem?" in the middle of an argument. We're more interested in pointing out how the other person is wrong.

Thankfully, God doesn't do that.

God made people and people sinned. Instead of listening to God, we decided to do things our own way. But again, because God loves us, He sent Jesus to fix that problem. God had a solution to the sin problem even while people were still messing up. God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin so we could be forgiven. We can have peace with God because of what Jesus has done. Thank God today for loving you so much that He sent Jesus to bring peace so that you can have a relationship with Him forever.

God made peace with us

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHY

does
Easter
matter?



Day 1



Go to <http://bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreeteen> and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



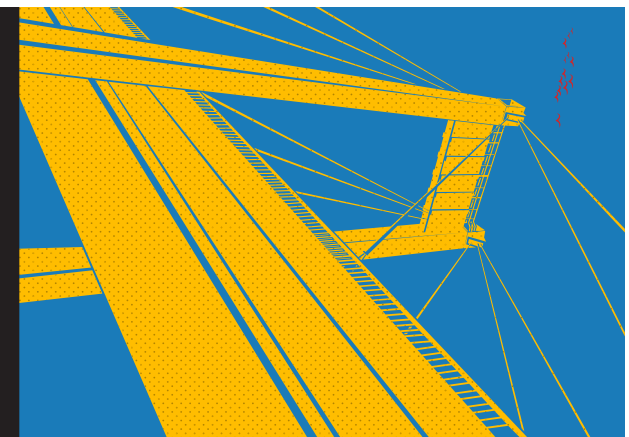
Day 2

Read John 20:1-18

As you read John 20:1-18, draw the following emojis next to the places in the story where they match the likely emotions of the disciples and Mary.



There were likely a lot of conflicting thoughts and feelings represented by all of Jesus' friends on that weekend where they saw Him crucified, buried, and then risen again. But through it all, Jesus showed He is more powerful than sin and death. Through Him, we can have peace with God and work toward peace with others.



Day 3

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We often pray to ask God for help—either for ourselves or for others. And that's awesome—God loves for us to talk to Him about everything in our lives. But sometimes it's great to take time to just thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. God made peace with us even when we didn't deserve it, and that's something that deserves our gratitude. Fill in the blanks below to write a personal prayer, and then read it out loud in prayer to God.

“Dear God, thank You for making me and always loving me, even when I sometimes _____ Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for sending Him even though it meant He would die. But how amazing that He rose again! I know when I mess up by _____ I can still have peace with You because Jesus came to be our Savior. Thank You, God, for making peace with us. In Jesus' Name, I pray, amen.”

Day 4

God made peace with us.

Have you ever seen an Easter lily? This beautiful plant is also known as a peace lily. It's fitting that the terms Easter and peace are both used, because the truth is that Easter is when God made peace with us!

Even though Easter is technically over, wish as many people a Happy Easter as you can today. It may feel a little strange to say Happy Easter a few days after it passed, but it will remind you and the people you say it to that God made peace with us!



Day 5

Why does Easter matter?

Easter matters because when we remember that God made peace with us, it changes everything. It means we don't have to earn God's favor—or anyone else's—because we couldn't earn it anyway. Jesus is the only reason we can have peace with God! We can rest in the peace He offers instead of stressing about trying to be perfect or earn His approval.

There are a lot of representations of peace. Some are from the story of Noah and the flood, like a dove, an olive branch, and a rainbow or some are from the Easter story, like a cross and some are just cultural signs of peace, like a peace symbol or holding up your first two fingers like a 'v.' Pick the one that reminds you the most of the peace that God offers, and figure out a way to creatively illustrate that symbol. Whatever you choose and however you create it, when you see it, remember that Easter matters because **God made peace with us!**