

Reconnect: Build The Bridge

Use this guide to help your family learn about how
God wants us to live in peace with others.

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this week's
video!

Peace:
Proving you
care more
about each
other than
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argument

Memory Verse

"So let us do all
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up one another."
Romans 14:19, NIV

Bible Story

Live in Peace
with Others
Colossians 3:15

Bottom Line

We can make
peace with others.

Activity

Peace or No Peace

What You Need:

Two sheets of paper; tape; something to write with

What You Do:

Before you get started, read Colossians 3:15 out loud to your child. Spend a few moments talking about what the word "peace" means.

Write down the words "NO PEACE" on one sheet of paper and "PEACE" on another sheet of paper. Tape them to two different sides of the room.

Tell your child that you're going to give them a scenario. They have to decide whether or not the action brings peace or does not bring peace. They can answer by running to the side of the room with the sign that matches their response.

Scenarios:

- There's a new kid in your class who acts differently, and the other kids stay away from her. You ask her to play with you at recess.
- There are two cookies left in the box. Instead of eating both, you eat one and give one to your brother.
- There's only one piece of Easter candy left. You take it and eat it before your sister figures it out.
- You let your friend choose which game to play.
- You run and push ahead so you can be first in line on the slides at recess.
- You and your friend have a fight. You say you're sorry first.
- There's a kid at school who looks different from you. You invite him to your party so you can become friends.

Talk About the Bible Story

For the "no peace" scenarios in our game, let's come up with some ways we could make peace in those situations. (*Guide your child to think of some hypothetical peacemaking solutions for the "no peace" situations from earlier.*)

Is there anyone you feel like you're always living in "no peace" with? What can you do to make peace with that person?

Who can you talk to when you need help figuring out how to make peace?

Parent: share a situation in which you had to create peace in a difficult relationship.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You so much for Your peace. Thank You for showing us how much You care for us by sending Jesus to be our Savior. God, we know there are times when it's difficult for us to live in peace with others. There are people in our lives who frustrate us or annoy us. Help us to make peace, especially with (*pause and prompt your child to fill in the name of the person they need to make peace with*). God, we know that You are the ultimate Peacemaker, and You'll help us make peace with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

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Key Question

Who do you
need to make
peace with?

Activity

Hunting for Peace

What You Need:

A sheet of paper; scissors; tape; something
to write with

What You Do:

Before you get started, write down the
word "PEACE" in large letters on the
sheet of paper. Cut out each letter and
tape them to various places in the same
room. Make sure the letters aren't in plain
sight—for example, put them under a
chair or behind a pillow.

Challenge your child to look around the
room to find the letters that spell out
"PEACE."

If you want to make the game extra-
challenging, give your child a time limit
for finding the letters. If they're having
trouble, tell them they're "hotter" or
"colder" the closer or farther away they
are from the hidden letters.

Once your child has found all the letters,
spend some time talking about what the
word "peace" means to them. Remind
them that no matter how hard it is
sometimes, we can always make peace
with others.



Talk About the Bible Story

Let's read today's verse again together: "Let the
peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts. As parts
of one body, you were appointed to live in peace.
And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15, NIV)

If you were trying to explain that verse to a friend,
what would you say it means?

What do you think it means to "live in peace"?

Do you think there's anyone you're not "living in
peace" with right now? What steps could you take
to make peace in that relationship?

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