

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

Read: James 3:18

DAY

1

Peaceful Moves

Think of things or places that bring you peace. With a friend, take turns describing your peaceful place or thing you have in mind. Have your friend guess what you are describing.

THANK God for creating peaceful places.

DAY

3

Planting The Seed

In James 3:18, we read that we need to plant peace like a seed. When we make peace, we are setting down roots for friendships. Draw a flower or tree. Copy this week's verse somewhere onto the page.

LOOK for ways to plant the seed of peace with others.

DAY

2

Share Jesus

Paul wanted everyone to know about Jesus. In Romans 12 Paul shared different ways to tell others about Jesus through the things they said and did. Think of some people you can share Jesus with. Starting with the people in your home, share with each other some things you love about Jesus.

ASK God to show you who you can talk about Jesus with.

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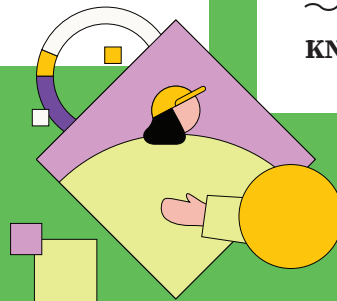
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Peace, Please

Pray and ask God to allow you to bring peace to others this week.

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 "Dear God, please fill me with peace this week and help me to live in peace with others. Thank you for allowing me to learn about peace and for always offering me peace. Amen."  
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KNOW that you can ask God for peace.



Make peace whenever you can.



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DAY 1

Read Isaiah 26:3

This month, we're talking about peace, which is proving you care more about each other than winning an argument. When you're in an argument, do you care more about. . .

Winning/ getting your way? Or making sure the other person is okay?

When we're arguing, most of the time we just want the other person to do things our way. Today's verse reminds us that when we trust God, we will receive help to live in peace with others.

The next time you're in a disagreement, here are a few things you can try:

You can stop.

You can ask God to help you.

You can walk away.

You can talk to an adult.

You can choose kind instead of unkind words.

This week, when you find yourself getting really mad about something, instead of focusing on what's been DONE to you, try to focus on what YOU can do. Ask God to give you peace—a deep-down knowing that God is in control and ready to help.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 4:8

Before He faced the cross and His glorious resurrection, Jesus stopped to give His friends a new command: to love each other, just as He had loved them. By choosing kindness and love, they would show everyone that they were Jesus' disciples.

Have you been kind lately? Would the people around you know that you're a follower of Jesus just by the kindness you've shown? Because Jesus showed us how to love and show kindness to others, we can be kind and loving too. And when we are, we let others know that we are Jesus followers too.

Rest in Peace

Write Psalm 4:8 on a card and set it next to your bed. When you start to feel anxious, talk to God about what is worrying you. Then read this verse as a prayer to remind yourself that God is with you, so you can rest in peace.

DAY 3

Read Romans 14:19

One way to live in peace is to encourage the people around you and build them up. You have opportunities to do that every day. You could build someone up by choosing to be kind . . . or by listening . . . or by letting someone else go first . . . or by putting their needs above your own. Maybe building someone up means telling them how important they are to you or how thankful you are for them. The truth is, it's easy to tear someone down with our words or actions. If we want to be peacemakers, we need to be more focused on building others up.

Find a Jenga® game or a set of blocks. Practice building a tower with the blocks. What happens if you lay several blocks down at the bottom to create a solid foundation? What happens if you don't? Think about three people that you see almost every day (they could be family or friends). What can you do this week to build a solid foundation of peace in those relationships and build each other up? (Hint: Look at the paragraph above for ideas!)

DAY 4

Read Matthew 5:7

Circle the response that shows love in the scenarios below:

UP	RIGHT
HIGH	SLOW
LIGHT	END
LEFT	LOW
FAST	DARK
BEGINNING	DOWN

What is the opposite of PEACE? FIGHTING!

Doing what is RIGHT brings peace and rest. Choosing to listen instead of yell . . . stopping to take a deep breath instead of making a point . . . walking away instead of throwing something at your brother . . . is always the better choice. When you choose to do what is right instead of what you might WANT to do in the moment, you bring calm to the situation.

The next time you get into a disagreement with someone and you feel yourself getting angry, STOP and simply walk away. You might be surprised how doing the OPPOSITE of what you feel like doing in the moment turns things around!

Answer key: Up-Down, High-Low, Light-Dark, Left-Right, Fast-Slow, Beginning-End

**Make peace
whenever you can.**

Journal

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



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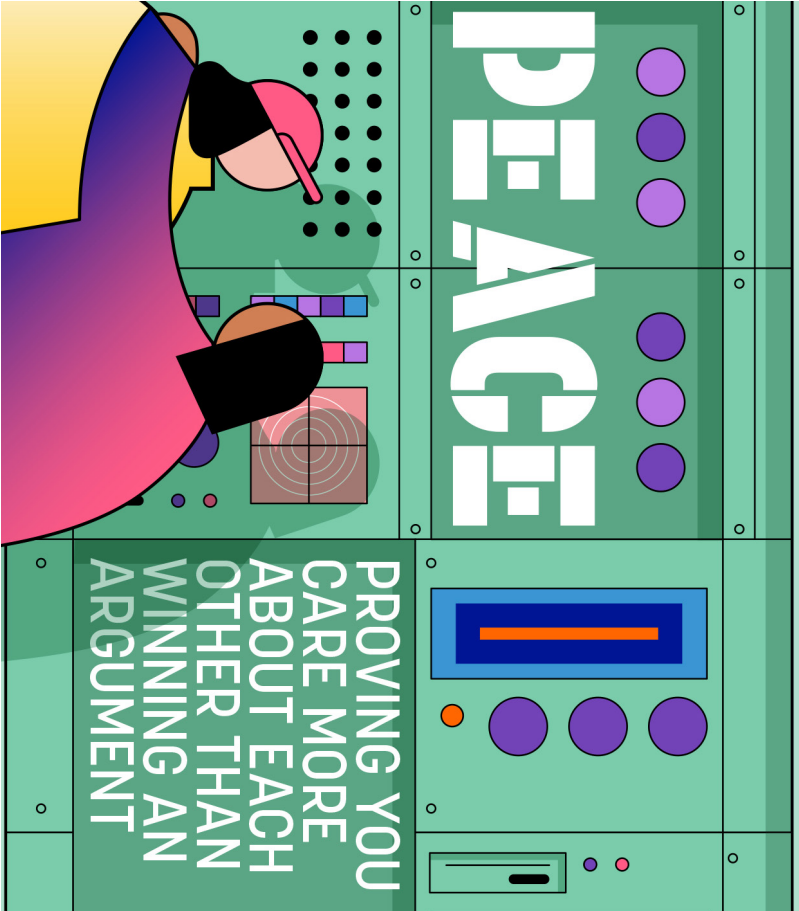
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March
2024

Week One
4th-5th



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

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2. You learned:

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3. You'd like to know:

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Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

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



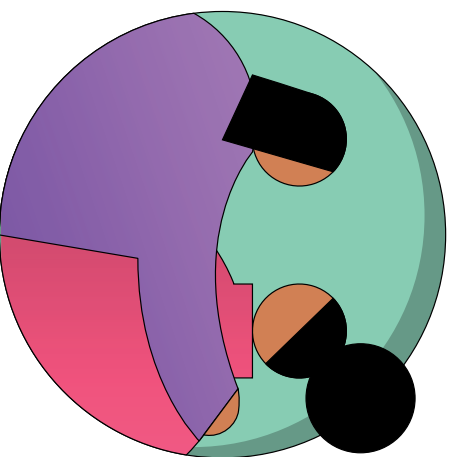
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Read Romans 12:18

The following sentence is a re-write of Romans 12:18 using synonyms (words that mean the same thing). Unscramble the sentence to reveal the rewrite.

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That was pretty tough, wasn't it? It may haven't even seemed possible at times. Living in peace with others can be hard too—especially if they don't want to make peace. But you can do your part to show them that you care more about them than winning an argument.



Answer: If you can, exist in harmony with all people. Carry this out to a great degree as you are able.

Day 4

Think of someone you often struggle to make peace with.

It might be a family member, a classmate, someone you ride the bus with, or even a friend. Make a plan for how you can show them that you care more about them than winning an argument. Maybe you could invite them over for ice cream or hot chocolate, ask to meet up at a park for a walk, or get together to play video games. Whatever the activity you plan on, make sure you ask your adult for permission and include time to talk. If you recently had an argument with this person, you may want to bring that up and apologize. Or you can simply share how you've been learning about peace and you want to make sure they know that you care about them more than being right.

Enjoy your treat or activity and use this experience as the first step to **make peace whenever you can.**

Dear God, I want to live in peace with everyone, showing them that they are more important to me than winning an argument. But I find it especially hard to be at peace with _____.
and even more so when they are _____. Please help me to surrender my pride and put their feelings ahead of my need to be right. In Jesus' name, I pray. **Amen.**



Day 5

Why is it important to make peace?

This is a question with many answers—some relating to our spiritual lives, but also to our social, mental, and even physical health!

When you aren't at peace with others, you can't be fully at peace with God (spiritual). Jesus said that you shouldn't even make an offering or gift to God without first making things right with others (spiritual). When you're known as a person who always needs to win an argument, eventually, most people won't want to even be your friend (social), which can make you sad (mental). And being upset all the time can make you pretty miserable—and even cause your body to respond with things like a stomachache or a headache (physical). The next time you're in a disagreement with someone, pay attention to your own body and mind and see what you notice.

With all those negative things that can happen when you're not making peace with others, it seems pretty important to **make peace whenever you can.** Use the physical, mental, spiritual, and social cues you experience in tough situations with others to lead you toward choosing peace over being right. And when you make peace with others, you show them God's love—which is the most important reason to make peace!