



PEACE | WEEK 2 | APRIL 10-11, 2021

4th-5th Lesson

Give Me Peace on Earth

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**KID CONNECT:
10 MINUTES**

**LARGE GROUP:
30 MINUTES**

**SMALL GROUP:
20 MINUTES**

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

When Adam and Eve decided that their way was better than God's way and broke God's rule, they changed the relationship between God and His creation. When once everything and everyone could be in the presence of God, now we were at odds with God. God could have done anything He wanted, including wiping us out and starting over. But instead, God decided to make peace with us. Ultimately God did this through His Son, Jesus. When Jesus rose from the dead, He paid the price for everything that was wrong and unfair in this world. Because of Jesus, we can have peace. We don't have to get even. Instead, we can reflect the character of Christ by caring for others and making peace.

Key Question: **Who do you need to make peace with?** Peace can seem like a great idea without a real way to accomplish it. That's why we start with a question to personalize the impact peace can have in our relationships. We are more likely to build bridges of peace with people when we name them and recognize the role we play in making peace. We pray that kids will see how they can make peace with others.

In week two, we look closer at something else Paul wrote in **Colossians 3:15**: 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, (NirV). Because Jesus made peace with us, we can turn around and show that same peace to others. **Bottom Line:** **We can make peace with others.** When God made peace with us

through Jesus, God showed us that peace with others is possible. This doesn't mean that it will be easy, but peace is worth the effort it takes to make it. We pray that kids will discover the ways they can live at peace with the people in their life.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: INTRO MUSIC)

Play intro music and greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

OPENING ACTIVITY:

(2 Beach Balls or Balloons)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into two teams.
- Instruct teams to sit together in a line, each team facing the other, about six feet apart.
- Teams will race to pass a ball from start to finish. The first team to pass the ball to the end of the line wins.
- The catch is that for each round, kids must pass the ball using a different part of their bodies.
- For example:
 - Round 1: Pass the ball using only your left hand.
 - Round 2: Pass the ball while sitting using only your feet.
 - Round 3: Pass the ball using only your head.
 - Round 4: Pass the ball using only your knees.

What You Say:

“You did a great job using different parts of your body to move the ball to your teammate. I wonder what using your hands, feet, head and knees has to do with learning about peace.

[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to find out.”

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

Show the countdown video as you transition to Large Group. Set it to end as the session begins. *The Large Group Leader has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to KidCity. The LGL is relatable and inviting. LGLs can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, holiday, etc. The LGL tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.*

HOST: Welcome everyone! I'm so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today by playing a game, singing some incredible songs that worship God, and then we are going to hear an amazing true story from God's Word, the Bible.

But first, let's quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don't dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind - We need to be kind with our words and actions to our friends, leaders, and the space that we are using.
2. Be Safe - Make wise choices with your actions and words.
3. Have Fun - Participate in what we are doing! It's no fun just sitting there...

Now that we know our expectations, let's kick off our day with a game!

LARGE GROUP GAME

BUILD A BRIDGE

(4 Chairs, 40 Plastic Cups)

LGL: "Hey, everyone! So good to see you here today! We have a fun game to get started today . . . one that will really STRETCH you. I need four participants. Who wants to play?"

LGL brings up four kids and introduces them to the audience.

"Okay, you'll work in teams of two to build a bridge using 20 plastic cups. The goal is to create the longest cup-bridge you can between the two chairs. Here's how it works. You'll turn the stack of cups sideways and do your best to stretch them out between these two chairs. You may move the chairs as far apart as you think you can span, but keep in mind, you only have one minute to stretch the longest bridge you can. One person on each end can hold the cups to the chair. Your bridge must stay suspended without falling to the ground for a count of three. Make sense? Any questions? *(Pause for response.)* Great! Remember, your goal is not only to get your bridge to stay but to make sure it is longer than the other teams around you. Ready, set, go!"

(VIDEO: 60 SECOND TIMER)

(AUDIO: FUN MUSIC)

When the time is up, measure the chair distance for each successful bridge. Declare a winner. Have more teams try if time allows.

(After the game) Our winners really STACKED up well against the competition! Get it—because it was a game with plastic cups. OKAY THEN! Stand up and let's worship God together!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: RISE AND SING, THIS IS LIVING NOW)

INTRODUCE THE SESSION

(SLIDE: LIFE APP, 3 SUPERHERO AND VILLAIN SLIDES)

(No Supplies)

LGL: “So I have a question for you all, how well do you think you know famous superheroes and their villains *(Pause for response)*. Well, we are going to put that to the test! I am going to show you three slides, one at a time, that will have the name of a famous superhero...then I will count to three and you all will shout out who you think their arch villain is. Ready? Let’s see the first slide...

The first slide of the pair has just the superhero and then the second slide reveals their villain. Be sure not to show the second slide until you’ve counted to 3. The slides are (1) Superman and Lex Luthor, (2) Batman and the Joker, and (3) The Incredibles and Syndrome

Some of those were simple—others not so much. Either way, these heroes and rivals all have something in common: they are always at odds with one another. Movie to movie, episode to episode, they never figure out how to fix their relationships. They’re both doomed to compete and argue and fight. It is probably not *quite* the same with us, but have you ever had someone who you just can’t get along with? You know you should live at peace with them but just can’t do it? Anyone? Yeah, me too. Even though we know better, getting along with others can be really difficult. That’s why we need help. We can discover the source of that help when we dive into the truth found in the Bible. Remember, the Bible was written by people who had a personal experience with God. God inspired them to write about it so people like us could learn from it—thousands of years later! Let’s dive in together and watch The So & So Show.”

BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: SO & SO SHOW; SLIDES: KEY QUESTION, BASIC TRUTH)

(VIDEO: THE SO & SO SHOW)

I’m sure we can all think of a time when we built a wall when we should have built a bridge. And the thing is, it probably takes even more energy to build a wall . . . because then we have to keep it up and stay upset and stay guarded against the person we are upset with. Building a bridge to make peace with someone is tough, but it is not impossible. How do I know? Because Jesus set the example for us. We love because He loved us first. We forgive because He forgave us first. God doesn’t ask us to do what He hasn’t already done for us. And we are able to do these things because we are made in His image, like our Basic Truth says.

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am made by God to reflect His Image.

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) “Who do you need to make peace with?”

Do you have any walls up right now? And if so, what would it look like to build a bridge instead? You’ll get the chance to talk more about this with your Small Group. Before we head out, let’s read our memory verse and then pray and ask God to help us with the courage it might take to make peace

MEMORY VERSE

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE)

*So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another.
Romans 14:19 (NirV)*

Choosing daily to make peace with each other is HARD WORK! But with God's help, we can do it. Let's pray together.

PRAYER

LGL: "God, thank You for making peace with us by sending Your Son, Jesus. It can be hard for us to get along when we feel frustrated or annoyed with each other . . . or when we want things to go OUR way. When that happens, help us remember what You've done for us. Help us follow Your example and do everything we can to make peace with others. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS

SMALL GROUP

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BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

(Prepared Paper Plates [Hole in Middle a Marble Can Fit Through] - 1 per kid, Marbles - 5 per kid, Cups - 5 per kid, Markers, "Colossians Cards" Activity Page, Sticky Notes, Tape)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a paper plate. (Note: the plates have holes in them big enough to let a marble pass through.)
- Instruct kids to write the phrases, "PEACE IN" and "PEACE OUT" on the front of their plates.
- Give each kid five cups and five sticky notes.
- Ask kids to write one letter on each note to spell the word "PEACE" and then stick one on each cup.
- Give each kid five marbles.
- Instruct kids to place all of the marbles on their plates.
- Challenge kids to drop just one marble from their plate into each of the cups.

- If more than one marble drops into a cup, they have to collect all the marbles from their cups and try again.
- After allowing time for kids to try to successfully drop the marbles into the cups, give each kid a “Colossians Card.”
- Gather kids together to unpack today’s Scripture, using the following guide to start your conversation.
 - Ask one person to read the first phrase from the verse: “Let the peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts.” (NirV)
 - Challenge kids to say this sentence in their own words.
 - Ask: What does this part of the verse have to do with the “PEACE IN” phrase you wrote on the plate?
 - Ask someone else to read the second phrase: “As parts of one body you were appointed to live in peace.” (NirV)
 - Challenge kids to phrase this in their own words.
 - Ask: What does this part of the verse have to do with the “PEACE OUT” phrase you wrote on the plate?
 - How can remembering that we are part of a whole collection of believers help you show peace to others?
 - Let someone read the final short phrase: “And be thankful.” (NirV)
 - Ask: What do you think being thankful has to do with peace? How can remembering to give thanks to God help you to show peace to others? *(Note: This question will also be addressed during the Make it Personal with Prayer Activity)*
- Wrap up by instructing kids to tape the verse to their plates to remember that the PEACE IN they receive from Christ helps them to remember to show PEACE OUT to others.

TAKE A SNAPSHOT

(No Supplies)

What You Do:

- Ask kids to get into pairs to play “Rock, Paper, Scissors.”
 - Kids make a fist and pound it into the other hand as they say, “Rock, Paper, Scissors, Peace.”
 - As they say “Peace,” they make a rock (a fist), paper (an open hand with palm facing the ground), or scissors (make a “v” or a “scissor” with their index and middle finger).
 - Rock beats scissors, scissors beats paper, paper beats rock.
- After a few rounds, tell kids to switch partners.
- Ask kids to keep track of the number of games they win.
- Whoever wins the most games, declare them the overall winner.
- Ask:
 - Do you think the game “Rock, Paper, Scissors, Peace” could help you live in peace with someone?
 - Encourage kids to give an example.
 - If needed, prompt by asking: Two friends disagree about whose turn it is to go first. How could a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors help them to live in peace?

- Ask kids to give an example of people we need to live in peace with. (*parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, etc.*)
- Challenge kids to dig deeper by asking: What about someone who disagrees with you? Would they be an example of someone we need to live in peace with? Why or why not?
- Consider asking:
 - What are things kids disagree about? (*This question could provide opportunities for conversations to help your group deal with situations they could be facing with trying to show peace.*)
 - Two friends disagree about what movie to go see. What are some things they can do to live in peace with each other? (*skip the movie and do something else, play rock, paper, scissors to pick, etc.*)
 - Your mom asked you to walk the dog and you know it is your brother's turn to do it. What is something you can do to live in peace? How does our attitude affect whether we live in peace with others?
 - Are you living in peace if you decide to walk the dog but you stomp out of the house while yelling "This isn't fair"? Why or why not?

DISCUSSION

Ask the following questions and lead the group to discuss:

- When is it hard to live in peace? What are things that can keep us from showing peace to others?
- How can the peace God gives you help you live in peace to others?
- What does it look like to live in peace with others?
- What can you do when you are struggling to show peace to others? Who can you talk to when you need help figuring out how to show peace?

PRAY AND DISMISS

(Preteen GodTime Card - 1 per kid)

What You Say:

"Dear God, thank You for making us to work together. Thank You for making us to live in peace with others. Please, help us share. Help us put others first. Help us be the first to say we're sorry. Thank You that when we can share the peace You give us, **[Bottom Line] we can make peace with others.** Amen."

Pass out the GodTime Cards to each kid. If there's spare time, encourage kids to start looking over their GodTime card and point out how it relates to today's lesson