



PEACE | WEEK 2 | APRIL 10-11, 2021

Virtual 4th-5th Lesson

Give Me Peace on Earth

Life App: Peace—Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

Bible Story: Give Me Peace on Earth (Live in Peace with Others) • *Colossians 3:15*

Key Question: Who do you need to make peace with?

Bottom Line: We can make peace with others.

Basic Truth: I am made by God to reflect His Image.

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)

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.

SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION

(Building Supplies, Paper, Markers)

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.
- If you choose, consider using an icebreaker question to get kids talking.
- Practice saying the memory verse together.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group, get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled (Video found at theparenthub.net).

Activity:

What You Do:

- Pair a couple kids up to play "Rock, Paper, Scissors, Peace."
 - 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 the first pair plays, choose another pair to play. Then choose another pair, until all kids have had a chance to play.
- Then pair up two of the winners from the first round.
- Continue pairing up the winners to play until all winners have had a chance to play a second game.
- Do the same with the winners of the second round, pairing them up, one group at a time.
- Continue this way until you end up with your Ultimate Rock Paper Scissors Peaceful Champion!

What You Say:

- Ask:
 - o How could a game of "Rock, Paper, Scissors, Peace" could help you live in peace with someone?
 - o 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?
- Ask for a volunteer to read Colossians 3:15 (today's Scripture) out loud for the group.
- Unpack the verse by asking:
 - o How can remembering that we are part of a whole collection of believers help you work toward peace with others?
 - o 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?
 - What is something you can do to live in peace? How does our attitude affect whether we live in peace with others?

Close your group in prayer:

"God, Thank You so much for Your peace, for showing us how much You care for us by sending Jesus so we can be with You now and forever. 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 show peace, especially to *(pause and prompt kids to silently fill in the name of the person they need to make peace with)*. God, we know that You will help us make peace with the people we just thought of. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.”