



PEACE | WEEK 2 | APRIL 10-11, 2021

Virtual K-3 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*

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.

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

([“Peaceful Actions Motions” Activity Page](#), [“Peaceful Actions Cards” Activity Page](#))

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:

- Use the screen share function of your meeting software to show kids the "motions" page.
- Guide the group through the motions, letting them practice each one a few times.
- After everyone gets the hang of the motions, choose a scenario from the "peaceful actions" page and read it out loud to the group.
- Direct the kids to decide which of the PEACE-ful motions to do in response to that situation and lead them to do that motion.
- Continue until you've gone through all of the scenarios.

What You Say:

[Bottom Line] "We can make peace with others in a lot of different ways. We can show how much we care for our friends, family, and neighbors by the things we say and do, and even by our attitude.

"Our Bible Story reminded us that we are all part of one body and should be at peace with the other parts. That means that we are all a part of the same team. With God's help, we can really act like teammates, every single day. We can think about what's best for others instead of only what's best for us.

"When is the last time you made peace with someone? What had happened? How did you feel before and after? *(Invite kids to respond and react positively no matter how small their "peacemaking" seems.)*

"When we all act like one body, like we're a part of the same team, **[Bottom Line]** we can make peace with others. We can choose from any of these PEACE-ful actions and decide that peace with our family, friends, and neighbors is worth working for!"

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?

Close your group in prayer:

"Dear God, thank You that **[Bottom Line]** we can make peace with others because You first made peace with us. Please help us this week to make peace with those around us in all of these different ways that we've planned. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

