



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 2 | JUNE 8, 2025

Elementary Lesson

Give Peace a Chance

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

This whole summer you get to lead kids through nine amazing weeks of discovering what it looks like to love like Jesus. Each week will break down a “one another” statement from the Bible. God designed us to be in community with one another even when it’s challenging, and we’ll need God’s Spirit to help guide us as we do. In these nine weeks, kids will learn about difficult concepts such as living in peace with one another or forgiving one another. Invite kids to bring open and honest conversation but be sure to create a safe space for them to process what makes some of those things challenging to do.

As leaders, we have the incredible opportunity to shape how kids understand and experience peace—not just as the absence of conflict but as an active way of living that reflects Jesus’ love. The story of **Paul and Barnabas** reminds us that peace requires courage, intentionality, and a willingness to trust God’s work in others. Barnabas chose to see the transforming power of Jesus in Paul’s life when others were too afraid to believe it. By standing up for Paul, Barnabas demonstrated that peace is more than avoiding conflict—it’s about bridging gaps, extending grace, and choosing to believe the best in others. This is the kind of peace we want to model and teach to the next generation.

When we help kids understand biblical peace, we are giving them tools to navigate a world filled with arguments, misunderstandings, and divisions. By pointing them to Jesus—the ultimate source of peace—we equip them to be peacemakers in their homes, schools, and friendships. Peace is not a passive thing; it’s an active pursuit of reconciliation, kindness, and trust in God’s bigger plan. Just like Barnabas helped Paul step into his calling, we can encourage kids to be the ones who build bridges, mend relationships, and reflect Christ’s love. Let’s lead by example and teach them that living in peace isn’t just possible—it’s a calling we all share as followers of Jesus.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Large Group
Starts
9:35/11:20

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “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, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: 5th SUNDAY FUNDAY) “Once in a while there are 5 weeks in a month instead of 4 – and that’s awesome! It’s worth celebrating. The next 5th Sunday is at the end of this month, and we want you to come and bring your friends!

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, 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
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

THE SQUEEZE & RUN RELAY

(Beachballs or Balloons – 2-4)

“We are in June, which means that we are OFFICALLY kicking off our summer series: Live it out!

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) Live it out: discover how to love like Jesus

“For the next couple of months, we’re headed to camp Live It Out. We talk a whole lot about living for Jesus, but we may wonder how we can actually do that. At camp Live It Out, we’ll all get a chance to discover what it means for us to live like Jesus and love the people around us. But first, let’s check out our monthly verse!

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. *Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)*

Take a minute to explain that ‘Philippians’ is a book in the New Testament, and that the first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NIRV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.

“You’ll have more time to practice this month’s verse, but for now let’s play a game!”

(SLIDE: THE SQUEEZE AND RUN RELAY and Music)

HOW TO PLAY

- Depending on the size of your group and the supplies you have, choose 8-16 players. If you are small enough, make this an all-play game!
- Split your players up into two teams and have them partner up within their team.
 - *If you are making this an all-play game and you have uneven numbers, either have someone go twice or have a group of three for more of a challenge!*
- Say that they are going to be doing a relay race. The starting pairs will stand back to back and keep a beach ball wedged between them. No hands! When you say GO, they will go around the track that you’ve marked ahead of time (simply point to where you want kids to go). If they drop the ball they have to start over.
- When the first pairs get back to the starting line, then they will pass the ball to the next pair.
- First team to have everyone go, wins!

“That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let’s worship God!”

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: FULLY ALIVE [Summer Theme Song], AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS)

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

“You know, this time of year is great for camping, but it’s also good for doing something else . . . watching movie blockbusters! On a super-warm day, there’s nothing like sitting in an air-conditioned movie theater with a bag of popcorn and box of sour candies and watching the latest superhero movie. Which got me thinking: How well do you think you know some famous superheroes? *(Get responses.)* Okay, I hear you, but let me ask you . . . do you know enough to name their archenemy? Their fiercest rival?”

“Let’s see if you can do it. On the screen, the name of a hero will appear on the left side. Turn to your neighbor and tell them who that hero’s rival is. I will then reveal the answer on the right. See if you get it. Let’s try it out!”

(SLIDES: HERO/RIVAL #1-5 a&b)

“There are a lot of heroes and villains, aren’t there? It’s amazing that we can remember all these characters from movies, TV shows, and books who are always fighting and trying to get the best of the other person.

“All that fighting might make for a good storyline in a movie or book, but just imagine living like that! I don’t know about you, but all of that fighting and arguing would be absolutely exhausting—

which makes me wonder. Why do we as humans spend so much time arguing with each other? Why can't we figure out how to live in peace with one another?

"Maybe it's because that when it comes to peace, we might think it's just the absence of fighting or not arguing. Like, if everyone would just STOP fighting, we could have peace! But maybe there's more to it than that? Maybe there's something we can do to create and keep peace, something more active than just not fighting and ignoring the problems we have with each other. "But if so, what does that look like?

"These are important questions for us to think about. Thankfully, we have the most amazing place we can find some answers. Well, it's not really a place . . . but a book filled with other books, letters, poems, and stories. Of course, I'm talking about the Bible. The Bible is a collection of writings about people and their relationships and interactions with God. God inspired people to write down what happened so other people like us could learn from them as we experience God for ourselves. Let's see what we can find in the Bible to help us answer our questions about peace."

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 4 MIN)

"The good news is we're not alone when we're trying to love like Jesus. God is at work in each one of us to make us more like His Son. When we put our faith in Jesus and follow Him, God sends the Holy Spirit - who is God - to live WITHIN us! And peace is actually a gift that comes from the Holy Spirit...Paul wrote about that later on in another one of his letters. We can ask God to help us live in peace and bring peace wherever we go!

"When you find yourself in a tough spot or a tense moment, maybe try pausing and taking a breath. Then pray and ask God to give you the kind of peace only God can give. Try to remember Bible verses that teach you about peace. And when you see someone who is hurting, ask God to help you bring peace to their life. It may look like talking to them, being a listening ear, or asking a trusted adult to help you out.

"When you know Jesus is with you, you can Live It Out and work toward living in peace with everyone!

"Another way to say it is how our Basic Truth for this week says it...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am loved by God no matter what so I can love God, love others, and love life.

"As we head to Small Groups, we want you to consider this question:

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) What does it mean to live in peace?

Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don't try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.

“Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

“I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let’s pray.
“

God, I pray that these students come to know you better through studying your Word and talking to other people who also know you. I pray that they become young men and women who love you and love others and LIVE LIKE YOU. Amen.”

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT (K-5th)

There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.

Key Question: What does it mean to live in peace? Think about times when you have experienced peace in your relationships. You can also think about the times when you wish there could have been peace in a difficult situation.

(Answers will vary.) "Living in peace isn't just about no fighting—it's about trusting God and living His way."

1. **Peace with God** - Jesus makes us right with God through His death and resurrection. (*Romans 5:1*)
2. **Peace in Our Hearts** - We don't have to worry because God is in control. (*Philippians 4:6-7*)
3. **Peace with Others** - Be kind and try to get along. (*Romans 12:18*)
4. **Peace Comes from Doing What's Right** - Obeying God brings peace. (*Isaiah 32:17*)
5. **Jesus Gives Us True Peace** - The world's peace fades, but Jesus' peace lasts forever. (*John 14:27*)

"Real peace isn't about having a perfect life—it's about knowing God is with you no matter what!"

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.

Look Up: **Romans 12:18**

Say: "The book of Romans is in the New Testament and was written by Paul to Christians in Rome. It is one of the longest letters in the Bible and teaches that we are saved by faith, not by doing good things. Paul explains that everyone has sinned, but God gives us a free gift—eternal life through Jesus. Romans also tells Christians how to live in peace, love others, and trust God every day."

PRACTICE IT (K-5th)

(Floor Tape or Velcro and “Peace or No Peace” Activity Pages)

What You Do:

- Use the painter’s tape or Velcro to mark a line on the floor down the center of the small group area.
- On the left side of the line, place the “Peace” sign on the floor.
- On the right side of the line, place the “No Peace” sign on the floor.
- Point the signs out to the kids while reading them aloud.
- Invite the group to form a straight line on the painter’s tape line.
- Explain that you will read several scenarios aloud.
 - If kids think the scenario shows peace, direct them to jump to the “Peace” side of the line.
 - If kids think the scenario doesn’t show peace, direct them to jump to the “No Peace” side of the line.
- One at a time, read a scenario below, giving time after each one for the kids to jump on either side of the line to select their choice.
- Encourage the kids to return to the painter’s tape line between scenarios.
- Scenarios:
 - “1. Your little brother apologizes after saying something that hurt your feelings. (peace)”
 2. Your friend ignores you because they’re mad about something that happened yesterday. (no peace)”
 3. Two friends in your class are arguing and ask the teacher for help, instead of yelling at each other. (peace)”
 4. You and your sibling take turns instead of fighting over who goes first. (peace)”
 5. A kid grabs the ball from someone else and refuses to give it back. (no peace)”
 6. A classmate chooses to use encouraging words to help someone who is sad. (peace)”
 7. You become angry when another kid steps in line ahead of you. You begin to yell at them to get out of line. (no peace)”
 8. You see the new kid in your class sitting alone at lunch, so you invite them to sit with you and your friends and introduce them to everyone. (peace)”
- Now it’s your turn. I’m going to name an activity. Choose to jump on either side of the line, then raise your hand and I’ll call on someone to tell me a scenario that shows peace and a scenario that doesn’t show peace for each activity.
 - Playing video games
 - *For example, a PEACE scenario would be that you take turns or decide that the person in last each round rotates out. A NO PEACE scenario would be being a sore loser or trash talking too hard.*
 - Practicing with your sports team
 - On a family road trip
 - Spending the night at a friend’s house”

What You Say:

“Great job, friends! Did you know that when we choose to follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside of us? That’s right! Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide,

comfort, teach, and transform us to be more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit is closer than close and goes through everything with us! So we can ask God to help us make peace wherever we go.

“We can live in peace by using kind words. We can live in peace by choosing to walk away when someone wants to argue. We can live in peace by stepping in to help when two friends aren’t being kind to one another. The next time you face a scenario like this, take a deep breath before you react and ask God to help you speak and act in a way that brings peace to the situation. When we choose to put our trust in and follow Jesus, He will help us [Bottom Line] live in peace with one another!”

GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Supplies Vary)

What You Do:

- Follow the instructions for the “Bible Literacy” activity that is in your bin.

PRAYER

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to live in peace with others. This week, when we argue or find it hard to get along with others, help us to think and act like Your Son, Jesus! We want to live in peace with one another, but we need Your help. Thank You for loving us, for listening to our prayers, and for helping us to trust and follow Jesus. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”