

P4 CRE LESSON NOTES FOR TERM III

Lesson 1

Unit:

Lesson content: The meaning of peace

Peace is the state of being in perfect happiness and joy with God and other people

Peace brings harmony and friendship

In John 14:27 Jesus says "Peace is what I live with you" it is my own peace that I give"

Our response

Peace is God given. God's peace is beyond our understanding. However one got that peace keeps your hearts and minds safe in Jesus

Verse to remember : "Happy are those who work for peace. God will call them his children" Mathew 5:9

Prayer

Oh Jesus Christ bring real peace to our hearts

Help all Ugandans live together peacefully. Bring peace to the entire world Amen

Activity

1. What is peace
2. How did Adam and Eve destroy man's peace wit God
3. How can peace lead to development in a community
4. How are laws useful to people in our community

Lesson 2

Unit: peace

Lesson content: Traditional ways of keeping and restoring peace

Peace was highly valued in every society

Activities which showed peace include

Celebrations

Thanks giving

Sacrifices

Local games

Eating and working together

Exchanging visits

Child naming

Circumcision

Initiation

Funeral rites

Weddings etc

It is though such activities that Africans expressed their peace

Traditional ways of keeping peace

Peace is valuable and kept in the following ways

Praying to God for him to keep peace

Keeping God's commandments

Keeping national laws

Listening to each other

Respecting each other

Loving everybody in the community

Similar ways of restoring peace can be seen in the bible 1st Samuel 25:1 – 36

Exercise

1. List down any four traditional activities which showed peace
2. Name any four ways of keeping peace

Prayer: Dear lord help me to keep peace and when it breaks down guide us on how to restore it Amen

Lesson 3

Unit: peace

Lesson content: Traditional ways of bring (restoring) peace

Paying fines

Asking for forgiveness

Reconciliation

Cleaning through sacrifices

Hand shaking and hugging in friendship

Sharing a meal or drink

Taking herbal medicine

Moving from unpeaceful to peaceful places

Our response

We can't have development unless there is peace

Therefore we should all try to keep peace

Verse to remember: "Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody" Romans 12:8

Activity

Suggest any four traditional ways of restoring peace

Lesson 4

Unit: peace

Lesson content: Peacemaking in the bible

God promised peace to those who believe in him. In order to have peace of God we must have faith in him and his son Jesus Christ

The bible names many ways of making peace with God e.g. in Leviticus 2:3 – 20 God gave us several promises

God tells us that if we live according to his laws and commandments he would do the following

1. Make us live safely in our land
2. Give us peace in our land
3. Enable us worship without being afraid of anyone
4. Stop all wars
5. Make us prosperous

Jesus make the following suggestions towards peace making

- a) Do not revenge one someone who does wrong to you
- b) When someone asks for something from you , give it to him
- c) Love your enemies and pray for them
- d) Also St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians 13:13 says that we need faith hope and love

Prayer: “Help me lord to use the different ways of making peace basing on the bible Amen

Activity

1. To whom did God promise peace
2. What did God promise to those who love according to his laws
3. Mention four different groups of people who keep peace in a community
4. Mention four different ways how good Christians help police to keep law , peace and order in a community
5. Give four ways how police keep law and order in a community

Lesson 5

Unit: peace

Lesson content” Different ways of having peace in the bible

The bible gives us the following ways of having peace

To obey God’s commandments

To help the needy

To be patient with people who demand things from us

To love one another

Not to be offended by people’s acts

Verse to remember: “Love never gives up and its faith, hope and patience never fails (Corinthians 13:7

Response to God’s message

“I will make every effort to make peace with my neighbor

Activity

1. What is the greatest thing one should have in order to have peace
2. State any three peaceful way of solving problems

Lesson 6

Unit: the birth of the prince of peace

Lesson content: Problems that disturbed peace

Jesus Christ the son of God came to bring peace in the world

There are many things that can disturb peace

There are many wars between nations even before the coming of Jesus Christ and after his coming

Problems of war

Wars can cause death

Wars can cause destruction of property and hatred

There are also other problems that always disturb peace in our society e.g. unselfishness, hatred, injustice, tribalism, greed, malice

Where there is no peace, people cannot trust one another

Activity

1. How do you promote peace at your school?
2. What are some of the things that disturb peace

Lesson 7

Unit: The birth of Jesus the prince of peace

Lesson content: God’s promised peace and how it comes about

Adam and Eve lived in joy and peace in the Garden of Eden when they sinned, they lost peace

Due to God’s love for human beings, he decided to make peace with man again

In Leviticus 26:6 God promised to bring total peace to the world through the Messiah

Prophet Isaiah announced that God would bring peace through his son

God's son would be called "Emmanuel" and the prince of peace

Isaiah 9:6 tells us the kind of person whom God promised to bring. He says he will be a ruler, counselor, powerful God, Eternal father and prince of peace. This is clearly Jesus Christ

Verse to remember "Trust in the lord forever. He will always protect us Isaiah 26:4

Our response

I will welcome Jesus Christ in to my life as a prince of peace

Activity

1. What is peace
2. Who did God send to bring peace to us
3. Which act destroyed our peace with God?
4. As Christians what should we do to our enemies?
5. Why was Jesus referred to as the prince of peace in Christianity
6. State the first sin that man committed against God

Lesson 8

Unit: The birth of Jesus prince of peace

Lesson content: Simeon and St. Paul's message about peace

Simeon was a God fearing man living in Jerusalem. He was given a special message from God about Jesus Christ

He held Jesus' hand and spoke the message of God had given him "Now lord you may let your servants go in peace, with my eyes I have seen your salvation Luke 2:30

God promised peace which was achieved through the birth, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus

St. Paul had a special prayer for peace for Philippians. He prayed ".....and God's peace which is far beyond human understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Jesus Christ Philippians 4:7

Prayer

"Oh God my lord, I give my heart to you, create in me peace and use me as a vehicle to make peace to those who lack it"

Amen

Activity

1. How did we lose peace?
2. Why is Jesus the prince of peace
3. Who is the mother of Jesus
4. Who is a messiah

Lesson 9

Unit: The birth of Jesus the prince of peace

Lesson content: Seeking and promoting peace and comfort from God

As Christians we must always seek peace with God and others

St. Paul advises believers to try their best to live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:18

When we have problems we must seek for God's comfort and peace

In Luke 12:22 – 23 Jesus Assured us that God will always solve our problems because he know them.

In Psalms 40:12 – 17 the writer asks God to help him overcome his problems with faith

Verse to remember: "Instead look for the kingdom and he will provide you with these things Luke 12:31

Prayer: "Oh God help us at all times to seek and promote peace and comfort from you Amen"

Response to the message

"I will seek peace from God"

1. How can we look for God's peace
2. What did Jesus leave his disciples with
3. What can we do in order to promote peace?

Lesson 10

Unit: making our decisions as Christians

Lesson content: Examples of good and bad decisions

Decision making is identifying and selecting a certain action to deal with certain problems

Good decisions help us to become good strong Christian's e.g.

Helping our mothers in the kitchen

Deciding to go to church and pray every Sunday

Reading the bible

Helping the needy etc

Bad decisions make us unhappy with God and our parents e.g. not praying on Sunday

Escaping from school

Stealing

Disobeying our parents teacher and other leaders

The decision we make effects what we are and what we shall be in future

Verse to remember: "Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it but unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later" proverbs27:12

Prayer :Help me lord so that I always make good decisions

Response to God's message

I will always seek assistance in order to make good decisions

Activity

What is a decision?

Write any four good decisions you have made in your life

Why should Christians make good decisions?

Lesson 11

Unit: making our decisions as Christians

Lesson content: Some biblical examples of decisions and their results / effects

Good decisions in the bible

Mary – the mother of Jesus

She kept herself clean before god until one day an angel called Gabriel announced to her that she would give birth to the savior of the world

She was afraid but accepted

Daniel – the decided never to worship any person apart from the Almighty God

Bad decisions in the bible

1. The story of the son of Eli (1st Samuel 12:12 – 17)
2. They made a wrong decision by disobeying God. God made them to die in war because of their bad decision
3. Judas Iscariot
4. He was one of the 12 disciples that used to carry the money bag but could steal some without others knowing
5. Judas Iscariot also made a wrong decision of asking for money from the priest in order to betray Jesus
6. He felt guilty and hanged himself. It was also a bad decision
7. Herod the great

8. He was a great king
9. He made a wrong decision of killing all baby boys thinking that he would by chance kill baby Jesus

Prayer: "Oh God help make me good decisions like Abraham, Mary and Daniel did Amen

Exercise

1. Write any three good decisions made in the bible
2. State any three bad decisions in the bible
3. Why did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus
4. Name the place where Judas Iscariot was buried
5. Who succeeded Judas Iscariot
6. How did Judas Iscariot meet his death