

Engaging the Next Gen in Peacemakers

Discussion Prompts

EARLY YEARS (Infants-SK)

Read “Jesus’ Disciples” in the Tiny Truths Bible (pg 132).

- Who did Jesus care about? Why did he care about them? (pg 135 - everyone, because we are all God’s children).
- Who can live as Jesus’ followers? (pg 137 - anyone who decides to follow him!)
- What does it mean to serve someone? (I can share, I can help someone who needs help, I can be kind to a stranger, etc.)
- How do you feel when you get to serve someone?
- How do you think Jesus feels when we serve others?

Peacemakers looks a little different this year as we can’t collect soap for Relief Kits. But, we can still give to help others! The money from Peacemakers this year is going to help promote peace in Africa, and here in Ontario too! We can show Jesus’ love by helping create peace in places where there might not be peace right now. Our church is donating money to help these things happen.

As a family, think about ways you can give money to Peacemakers and learn about our friends in Ontario and Africa.

- Kids: could you help out your family at home, and get some money from your parents to donate?
- Maybe you could skip a special treat and instead give the money to Peacemakers.
- You can pray for people in Ontario and Africa that don’t have peace right now, and ask Jesus to show them peace.

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KIDS (Gr. 1-5)

Read Luke 4:14-21.

- Why do you think Jesus read this passage as he began his ministry?
- How does Jesus want his followers to live, according to verses 18-19?

- Why do people serve?
- How do you feel when you serve others?

We can have many thoughts and feelings when we serve others. Invite Jesus into what you feel.

- Sometimes, we can serve out of wanting to feel good, or wanting other people to see and notice that we're doing something good.
- Sometimes we can get tired of serving.
- Sometimes we can get mad or sad while serving, because we don't understand why things are the way they are.
- We are very blessed to be able to serve others.

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As a family, brainstorm ways you can save money to give to Peacemakers, and to learn more about the people we are helping.

- Kids: maybe you can do some chores for money, that you can donate.
- Maybe you could skip one or two treats this month and donate that money.
- You could spend some time on our Peacemakers website to learn about how we are helping create peace.
- You could pray for those in Africa and Ontario that need to experience Jesus' peace.

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YOUTH (Gr. 6-12)

Read through Luke 4:14-21 in your Bible.

- Why do you think this is the passage that Jesus chose to reference as he began his ministry?
- How do these verses help us to know how Jesus wants us to live?
- What are some of the reasons that people serve? (good or bad)
- What feelings do you notice in yourself or others when serving?

There can be many thoughts and feelings that come up when we serve and do good things. It's important to recognize those things and invite Jesus into what you're feeling.

Sometimes we have mixed motives to do good - we can serve out of wanting to feel good, or wanting other people to see and notice that we're doing something good, we can want to feel like a hero, or we can serve just because we feel like we have to. Sometimes we can get tired of serving. Sometimes we can have strong feelings that are overwhelming because we're so passionate for change. Lastly, we recognize that we are privileged to be in the position to serve others.

Even if our goal is to help, there may be times we are not offering respect.

- Since we are not face to face with the people we're helping while we contribute to Peacemakers, what are some ways we can still be respectful from a distance?

(Suggestions: learn more about their situation and their story, spend time praying for whoever is served through your contribution - you may not know who that will be yet but God does)

This month we are focusing on Peacemakers because our church has recognized a need in the world.

- What are the needs right here in your community that catch your attention? Are there any that you feel passionately about?

Note: Remember, we can't do everything, but being aware of what makes us feel strongly might help us hear where God is calling us.