



BIG IDEA

Jesus' way of peacemaking is not easy but it's worth it.

GOD STORY

Going the Extra Mile (Matthew 5:38–42)

KEY VERSE

"Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."
(James 3:18, NLT)

1 | Conversation Starter

INSTRUCTIONS

- If possible, share your own story about something tough you did and how knowing Jesus helped you get through it.
- To lead into today's story, ask: What's the hardest thing you've ever done to help someone? For example, have you ever spoken up in a difficult situation or stood up for a friend?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Jesus' way of peacemaking is not easy but it's worth it!**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Discuss

SUPPLIES

- Bible

TIP

- Our peacemaking efforts won't always end up the way we plan. We're responsible for our efforts—not the results!

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the video teaching together:
 - What's the Key Verse for this series? (James 3:18)
 - What was the God Story about in today's video?
 - What was the Life Story about?
 - Why is peacemaking difficult sometimes?
 - What might've happened if Mikayla's bully did not become her friend?
 - What keeps us going when it's not easy? Is it worth it in the end? Why?



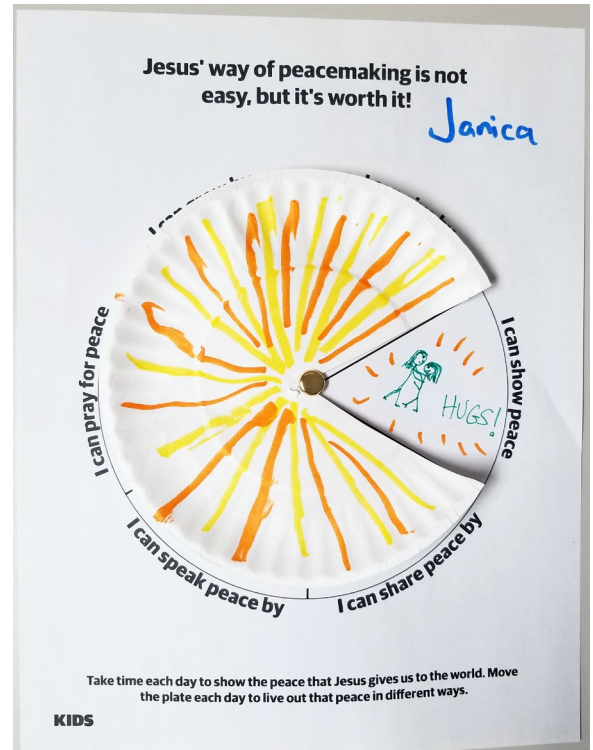
4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Peacemaking activity pages
- Brads (fasteners)
- Small paper plates
- Scissors
- Drawing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each person an activity page, a brad, and a plate.
- Place the other supplies where everyone can share them.
- Review the activity page with the kids. Read aloud each of the phrases printed on it.
- Brainstorm ideas for each section together. For example:
 - Growing peace might look like starting a new family routine, such as scheduling a time to sing, dance, or worship together.
 - Giving peace might look like giving money to a charity that promotes peace, such as sponsoring a child through World Vision.
 - Showing peace might be done through volunteering or choosing to act in peaceful ways.
 - Speaking peace could look like spreading information and resources to people who need them.
- Encourage everyone to write or draw their ideas in the corresponding spaces on the page.
- Keep reading the phrases, brainstorming, and guiding the kids to depict their ideas.
- When all the sections are filled, demonstrate how to cut a plate so that only one section is revealed when the plate is placed over the paper (see sample photo).
- Help the kids cut their plates as needed.
- Show them how to fasten their plate to their paper with the brad.
- Demonstrate how to turn the plate to reveal all the different ideas.
- In the week ahead, be sure to remind the kids to use their craft to help them be peacemakers!





5 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Peace symbol cutout

INSTRUCTIONS

- Hold up the peace symbol and say the Big Idea:
Jesus' way of peacemaking is not easy but it's worth it!
- Discuss: Can you think of one way that you might need to be a peacemaker this week—but it will be difficult for you? For example, you'll need to be kind and loving to someone who's grumpy or mean to you. Or you'll need to use calm, kind words when someone is upset or being rude with their words.
- Take turns passing the peace symbol to family members, encouraging them to share, and praying for them.