

BIG IDEA

Jesus gives us peace.

GOD STORY

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-10)

KEY VERSE

...peacemakers will plant seeds of peace... (from James 3:18, NLT)

MUSIC

"Jesus Gives Us Peace" (*The Meeting House Kids*)

1 | Start

PEACE REVEAL SUPPLIES

- Paper plate with peace symbol taped on
- Colouring supplies

PEACE REVEAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Encourage the children to work together to colour all over the plate. Guide them to colour over the taped-on peace symbol, too (see sample below).
- Remove the tape to reveal the peace symbol.
- Introduce the Big Idea for the Peace series: **Jesus gives us peace.**

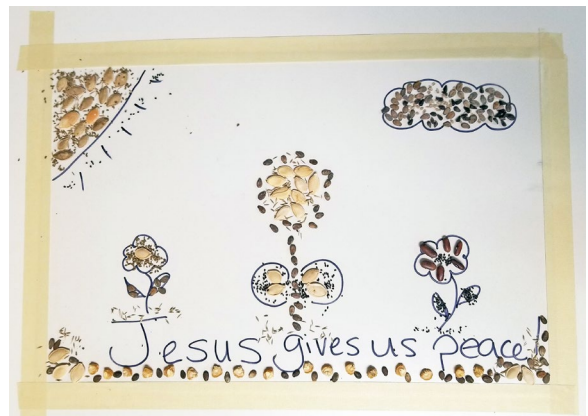


SEED COLLAGE SUPPLIES

- Contact paper
- Permanent marker
- Seeds
- Bowl

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Remove the liner on the contact paper and place the paper on a table with the sticky side up. Print "**Jesus gives us peace**" on it. Add simple pictures if you wish (see sample below).



SEED COLLAGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Read aloud the Big Idea: **Jesus gives us peace.**
- Work together to create a collage of seeds on the paper.
- Explain that we can all plant seeds of peace, which will grow peace and love just like these seeds could grow into plants!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- World map

INSTRUCTIONS

- Look at the map together.
- Point to a place (e.g., somewhere unfamiliar, an area that's in the news, or a place that's close to home), and pray for peace there.

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Paper towels
- Re-sealable plastic bags
- Bean seeds
- Stickers
- Tape

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Dampen one paper towel per child with water.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Show the children the picture of what they're going to make (see below).
- Give each person a damp paper towel, a bag, and two beans.
- Direct them to fold their paper towel in half.
- Help the children put their beans on top, then place the towels and beans inside their bags.
- Press the air out of the bags to seal them.
- Direct everyone to decorate their bags with stickers. Make sure they don't cover the beans!
- Remind the children that **Jesus gives us peace** and that "...peacemakers will plant seeds of peace..." (from James 3:18, NLT). Highlight that we can plant seeds of peace wherever we go!
- Tape the bags to a window until the beans sprout. Then they can be planted in soil.





5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign
- Key Verse cards
- Tape

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it easily.
- Use the Key Verse cards to make a fun path on the floor. Tape down the edges of each card to prevent tripping.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Key Verse for this series:
...peacemakers will plant seeds of peace... (from James 3:18, NLT).
- Lead the children to hop from card to card.
- As they hop, prompt them to say the words printed on the cards.
- Repeat as long as there is interest.