



BIG IDEA

Peacemakers reflect God's peace to the world.

GOD STORY

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

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

- To lead into today's story, ask: Have you ever been to a funhouse where the mirrors distorted your appearance or seen your reflection on a spoon or faucet? How did you look?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Peacemakers reflect God's peace to the world.**
- Explain that Christ-followers want to reflect God's peace. However, we don't want to be silly mirrors that change how it looks! We want to show God's peace clearly when people look at us.

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 & Pray

SUPPLIES

- Bible

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the video teaching together:
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
 - How do these stories connect together and with today's Big Idea (**Peacemakers reflect God's peace to the world**)?
- Pray that the kids would learn and grow as peacemakers!



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Reflect activity pages
- Drawing supplies
- Tinfoil squares
- Glue

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read aloud the following review points from the teaching video, pausing after each one to ask the kids if they think it's true or false:
 - Peace only means no fighting. [False! Peace also includes not hurting others with your words or actions, being calm in your soul, being kind with words, etc.]
 - "Shabbat" is the word from the Bible that we translate into English to mean peace. [False! "Shalom" is the correct word. Shalom is more than not fighting or being calm. It's the bringing back together of things that are broken: reunited, reconnected, and restored. Shalom is the way things were meant to be.]
 - We learned about Jesus teaching something called the Sermon on the Mount today. It's a Bible story from the book of Micah. [False! It's from the book of Matthew.]
 - In his teaching, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called ninjas." [False! They will be called children of God.]
 - People who make peace are called children of God because they act like him. [True!]
 - Kids can't reflect God's peace to the world because they aren't old enough. [False! You can definitely reflect God's peace to the world!]
 - Bonus question! The Key Verse says, "Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of..." Fill in the blank. [righteousness]
- Brainstorm ways the kids could be peacemakers.

- Give each person an activity page.
- Direct the kids to create something as a reminder of today's Big Idea or to draw a real-life example of how they could reflect God's peace to the world.
- Encourage them to cut or rip squares of the reflective tinfoil and glue it wherever they'd like on their page without covering the text.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read aloud James 3:18: "Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness." (NLT)
- Work together to create actions to teach the verse to younger kids.
- Practise doing the actions and saying the words until everyone is familiar with them.