



BIG IDEA

Jesus gives us peace.

GOD STORY

Love Your Enemy (Matthew 5:38–48)

KEY VERSE

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

MUSIC

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

1 | Start

TRUE OR FALSE SUPPLIES

- True or False cards

TRUE OR FALSE INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that you have a set of pictures of ways to show peace or not to show peace.
- Hold up the cards one at a time and ask the children if they think it's a way to show peace (true), or a way not to show peace (false).
- Direct whoever thinks it's true to stand up. If anyone thinks it's false, they should remain seated.
- Continue playing as long as everyone is interested.

PEACE SUPPLIES

- Waxed yarn sticks
- Peace activity page

PEACE INSTRUCTIONS

- Identify each letter on the activity page and sound out the word "peace".
- Demonstrate how to shape the waxed yarn sticks to fill in and around the letters on the page.
- Remind everyone that **Jesus gives us peace**. We can all be peacemakers!

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

- Activity pages
- Cutouts
- Glue sticks
- Stickers
- Colouring supplies

TIP

- If multiple children are crafting together, encourage them to share as a way of showing peace!

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page.
- b. Guide everyone to decorate their pages with the craft supplies.
- c. Talk about today's stories and emphasize that **Jesus gives us peace**. We can be peacemakers who bring peace to others!

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

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