

#### **BIG IDEA**

Jesus gives us peace.

#### **GOD STORY**

Jesus Sends His Disciples to Share His Peace (Matthew 10:1–13)

## **KEY VERSE**

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

#### **MUSIC**

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

## 1 | Start

## **JESUS AND PEACE SUPPLIES**

Jesus and Peace cards

## **JESUS AND PEACE INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Hold up the cards and read aloud the words. Review how both words are spelled.
- b. Work together to look for a variety of items from around your home that could be used to spell out the words "Jesus" and "peace". Get creative! Refer everyone back to the cards as needed.
- c. Remind the children that Jesus gives us peace!

#### **PEACE BE WITH YOU SUPPLIES**

- Household furniture and objects
- Masking tape

#### **BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**

- Use furniture and/or tape on the floor to set up four pretend towns to visit. You could use stuffed animals as townspeople.
- Add obstacles between the towns, such as chairs to walk around, a table to travel under, or taped lines to hop on or over.

## PEACE BE WITH YOU INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Explain that today's story from the Bible is about how Jesus' disciples (his followers) travelled from town to town. In each place, they told the people, "Peace be with you!"
- b. Play a game like Follow the Leader as everyone pretends to be the disciples. Lead the children to go from place to place. Travel around the course you set up. Add fun movements such as twirling and hopping.
- c. At each destination, stop and say, "Peace be with you" to one another.



# 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**

- a. Look at the map together.
- a. 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**

- Peacemaker Week activity pages
- Stickers
- Colouring supplies

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the Peacemaker Week activity page together. Chat about how your family could try the ideas in the week ahead.
- b. Encourage the children to decorate their pages.
- c. Remind them that **Jesus gives us peace** and we can all be peacemakers!



## 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.