

Peace

Prince of Peace | Matthew 26:47-56; Galatians 5:22-23

Big Idea

Peace invites us to fight hatred with love.

Conversation Starters:

Get ideas flowing by sharing some of your own ideas too!

Use these questions to get your kids thinking about the Big Idea.

- How would you explain peace to someone who has never heard of it before?
- Are there different kinds of peace?
- Why do you think Jesus is called the Prince of Peace?

Introduce the big idea: peace invites us to fight hatred with love.

Video:

Watch this week's video.

Pray & Discuss:

Take time to talk about the video together.

- What was the God Story about?
- What did Jesus say about swords? How do you think that might apply to us (even though we don't really use swords today)?
- What was the Life Story about?
- How does peace invite us to fight hatred with love? How can we do that in real life?
- **Pray:** Dear God, please help us to love one another well. Place peace in our hearts and help us to live peacefully in a world that isn't. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Act-It-Out Activity

Invite your child to role play along with you:

Supplies:

- none

- You're a cupcake baker, and someone has come in who hates your cupcakes and even throws one at you. What do you do? How do you initiate peace?
- Pick a favourite superhero. You are now them! The villain is about to brainwash the whole city with his neuro-laser-beam. You have to stop him! But peacefully. What do you do?
- You're at school and you see an older kid push a little kid to the ground. How do you act as a peacemaker?

Additional Activities

Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Die
- Key verse sign

Review the key verse together. Discuss:

- Is there anything in that verse that you don't understand?
- What do you think the verse is saying?

As a family, have each person take a turn rolling the die. Whatever number the die lands on will decide how that person will say the Key Verse.

Key Verse:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Romans 8:38

Die roll:

1. Hold your tongue and say the verse.
2. Whisper the verse.
3. Shout the verse.
4. Say the verse like you are underwater.
5. Say the verse while running on the spot.
6. Roll again!

Key Verse Add-On

On sticky notes, write one "fruit" of the Spirit on each one. Then, as a family, have each family member write their name under one or two of the fruit of the Spirit they really need God's extra help with this week. Stick them somewhere in plain sight so family members can pray for one another this week.